

# parents newsletter



8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents,

With only 2 weeks until we break up for the end of term we have many planned changes which will be taking place in readiness for September. One of the things the teachers enjoy at this time is opening up the deliveries of boxes containing new curriculum resources. In some of the boxes there will be new books as we continue to add further fiction books to our Accelerated Reader programme and our library. We will also be launching a new reading banding system for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children with lots of new exciting books for them to choose from.

In maths, we will be extending the use of the Inspire Maths programme into Year 5. In our Early Years' outside space there will be refurbishment taking place creating a fabulous new outdoor cabin for woodwork, a new mud kitchen, outside music area as well as a new water play area. There will also be new trikes, wooden planks and blocks to support imaginative play. In other areas of the school there will be new resources linked to religious education, history and geography for our children to experience hands on learning and enquiry. 30 new laptops are soon arriving to support the children through the use of technology as well as fantastic programmable "Rugged Robots" for Forest School adventures, not forgetting new knives and a zip wire.

Not quite Christmas but exciting nonetheless and our children are going to love them!

Best wishes

**Christine Davy**

## Phonics Success

93% of children in Year 1 achieved the expected standard in the phonics screening check. Taking us once again above the national figure. Well done to everyone involved in helping achieve this.

## The Launch is Coming!

Brooklands has recently purchased a new reading programme for our Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 children in readiness for our September launch. Over the next few weeks our Early Years and Year 1 children will be assessed in readiness for the new term.

## Summer Adventures

Summer holidays are filled with days out. We will be sending home a list of places you may wish to visit with your child linked to topics they will be studying next year – museums, art galleries, sports venues and much more.

## Sensational Brooklands Fundraisers

Katie Puls working with Jasmin Clarke raised a staggering £3,642 in our recent Spellathon. If you and your friends have a fundraising idea (small or large) for next year we'd like to hear about it. Your ideas and commitment make a huge difference to Brooklands and without your support we would not be able to buy such amazing resources.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Our children have recently received details of the Summer Reading Challenge 2019. With the interesting theme of "Space Chase" inspired by the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first moon landing. The challenge has been designed to encourage your child to read a minimum of 6 library books of their choice from the fabulous range on offer in our local libraries.

We know that children's reading can 'dip' during the Summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure but with a little time and thought this can be avoided.

## Celebrating Key Stage 1 Results

Following on from the success of our Early Years results, Key Stage 1 have also achieved results above the national figures.

Achieving the expected standard in reading	80%
Achieving the expected standard in writing	77%
Achieving the expected standard in mathematics	83%
Achieving greater depth in reading	33%
Achieving greater depth in writing	23%
Achieving greater depth in mathematics	30%