

parents newsletter



3rd June 2019

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that it has now been a year since Brooklands joined Orwell Multi Academy Trust (OMAT). During this time the Trust has also welcomed Grange Primary School in Felixstowe bringing the total of schools within the Trust to six.

As a result of joining OMAT Brooklands has extended its partnership working with other schools and teachers have taken part in an increased range of development opportunities including opportunities to work alongside other subject leaders and learn from each other's practice and school initiatives. As part of the Trust we are also working in partnership with the Orwell Teaching School Alliance to develop the next generation of inspirational teachers. Growing our own talent and developing teachers brings huge benefits to our children's learning experience.

Joining OMAT has also seen us change our catering supplier to Chartwells which has improved the quality of school meals. We have also been able to introduce online purchasing for school uniforms.

Our children have taken part in shared events such as East Bergholt High School's Spelling Bee and over the next few months we hope to build on this with a number of exciting opportunities for our children to engage in new experiences with children across the schools.

Best wishes

Christine Davy

Do you have a child in Year 2?

Our Year 2 children have now taken their national curriculum tests, also known as SATs.

Harry Legg will be using these results combined with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help him reach his own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of Key Stage 1. We will be relaying these teacher assessment judgements to you by the end of the summer term.

June 10th & July 5th – Dates for Your Diaries

Please make a date in your diaries for an upcoming outdoors Brooklands Fundraising event. We are thrilled to welcome Holly Millgate on July 5th to sing for us. Pack up your rug and come and join us. This promises to be a fun family event. Funds raised will go towards purchasing musical instruments.

We will also be holding our first Spellathon on June 10th as part of our Brooklands Fundraiser events.

Two great events for your diaries.



Multiplication Tables Check

Year 4 will be taking part in a voluntary pilot of an on-screen assessment for multiplication between 10th June and 28th June 2019. Known as MTC (Multiplication Tables Check), assessment will focus on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables. This is because the Department for Education says 'these have been determined as the most difficult multiplication tables'. There will be 25 questions and pupils will be given six seconds to answer each question. I will update you later on how this trial goes.

Absence

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school the school office needs to be notified directly. Please do not message teachers or use ClassDojo.

For medical appointments please also notify the office who will also need to see your letter/appointment slip/card. Routine/non-urgent appointments should be made after school or in the holidays.

In Year Applications

If you know of families moving into the area who would like to come to us, we currently have a limited number of places in Year 3 and Year 4. For information on how they can apply please contact the School Office.