

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

Just when I think a year couldn't be more action packed than the last I reflect back on what we have achieved and am amazed when I start to make a list for this final newsletter of 2018. The most notable star on our Christmas Tree of memories would probably be becoming part of the Orwell Multi Academy Trust back in June but in addition to this, sparkling highlights abound including Grace Glanville, Melissa Payne and Jasmin Clarke joining Team Brooklands as Newly Qualified Teachers and Holly Millgate teaching music. Charlie Goddard, Harry Legg and Grace Glanvill completing their forest training and now bringing forest based learning to life for all of our children. Further rejuvenation projects around the school both inside and out including the pond makeover, further interior decorating and development of our onsite woodland. Another glittering bauble would have to be Fran Deer and her team who have transformed our school meals. And then there was being finalists in three categories of Suffolk's "Raising the Bar Awards". There have been so many special moments and I am sure you will all have some of your own. Next year is already shaping up to be action packed including more outdoor adventures, fundraising activities and music everywhere! Have a great holiday and best wishes for 2019.

Kind Regards  
**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Quick and Easy Payments System

Following parent feedback to move to an online payment system Brooklands is now using SIMS Agora which will enable you to pay online for:

- School meals
- Trips
- After school activities
- And other items for purchase.

Payments can be made online whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you have not signed up for this service please follow the guidance on the letter you received recently. You will need to enter a specific code for your child/children. If you need any help registering please speak to our admin staff in the school office who will be able to help you.

## Brooklands Fundraising

We are keen to gather feedback from you to help us identify future projects that can benefit directly from our fund-raising activities. Look out on ClassDojo for how you can share your views. Also, if you have a suggestion for a fundraising activity please talk to your child's class teacher. We are keen to hear from parents who have new ideas.

## Word Millionaires

Ever wondered how you can become a word millionaire? Brooklands has introduced a new reading reward system that tracks all the words that your child is reading through our Accelerated Reader Programme and in each classroom there is a word accumulator displaying how many words each class has read. Look out for our first millionaire!

## OMAT Spotlight

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinators across all the trust schools met recently to develop a directory of expertise across the trust to support school-to-school support. We have a great deal of skill and expertise that can be shared collectively and have also scheduled time to evaluate the effectiveness of SEND provision.

## Spread a Little Kindness

Next term Brooklands will be focusing on helping our school community make a difference for others, no matter how small. Supporting our children to see how small, kinds gestures can have a big impact on those around them. If you would like to join in there is a great book for parents called "Unselfie" by Michele Borba. Hailed as a transformational read, all of our teachers will be reading this over the holidays in readiness for the new term.