

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Time passes by quickly in the school year and already we are into Key Stage 2 SATs preparation. Some of you may have enjoyed taking tests at school whilst others will have very different memories and some of you may be thinking that the SATs test doesn't assess what makes my child special or unique. This may be true, however, preparing for tests teaches our children how to work hard, demonstrate resilience and commit to and strive towards goals. All of these will support other aspects of their life and their future. The work ethic developed in readiness for these tests supports your child's interests whether it's learning a musical instrument or taking up a sport, all require self-motivation.

Everytime our children demonstrate these behaviours they are making choices for their future self - making that test easier, reducing stress for the future. They are working for their future self – for them on results day knowing that they tried their best, for them in a job interview when they are proudly handing over their CV proudly displaying their grades. Grades do not happen by magic they require hard work, habits, commitment and discipline. We may not all relish the prospect of tests but your part in supporting your child throughout school to make the right choices, whether they make the choice to get distracted or whether they listen to the teacher, whether they choose to scroll down social media or get their homework done is profound.

I wish all of our children success in their SATs next week and congratulate them on their hardwork and commitment.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

30 New Faces

I am pleased to say that Brooklands was once again over subscribed this year for our new intake, meaning that we had more applications to join the school than places available. This is also a gratifying reflection on the amazing work taking place at Brooklands.

30 new faces will be joining us this September. They will be spending time in their new classroom with their first teacher, Grace Glanvill. We have three exciting afternoons planned for them to spend in school with Grace to help them settle in (see reverse for details).

On Tuesday 21st May at 6.00pm we will be holding an information evening for all parents of children due to start in the Autumn. Parents will receive a wallet of information documents in addition to a bookbag of items for their child.

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.

Year 6 – What happens next?

Following their SATs our Year 6 children will be continuing to work hard focusing on their writing. Year 6 children do not complete a writing SAT. Instead their writing is assessed by their teacher. This is a judgement that Rhian Brighton will make, based on your child's work at the end of June. It is therefore important that your child maintains their strong attendance during this period to help support their progress.

OMAT Spotlight

As part of Orwell Multi Academy Trust we are working in partnership with the Orwell Teaching School Alliance to develop the next generation of inspirational teachers for our children. Why not take a look and find out more at:



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