

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

We all recognise that despite our best efforts learning from home can't replace the learning that comes from face to face contact with class teachers and some of you may be concerned about your child falling behind because of this. However, what your children are missing in terms of classroom education they are more than making up for in valuable family time, empathy skills, creativity and activities such as reading, gardening and learning new things that they can do at home and things that they might not have tried before.

Falling a little behind in school work just for now, might have a huge difference on their lives long term. What if this generation are the ones to learn to cook, organize their space, do their laundry, and learn to garden? What if they learn to plan shopping trips and meals at home? What if they learn the value of eating together as a family and finding the good to share in the small delights of the everyday - from the birds and flowers emerging, and the calming renewal of a gentle rain shower. What if they are the ones to place greater value on our doctors, nurses, teachers and the previously invisible essential support workers like delivery drivers, supermarket workers, refuse collectors, carers and scientists, just to name a few of the millions taking care of us right now? What if among these children are our essential workers of the future who had the benefit of a slower pace and a simpler approach to truly learn what really matters in this life? Rather than being behind they are getting ahead.

Kind Regards

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## **New Intake**

New faces will be joining us this September. This year poses Brooklands with the challenge of finding new and exciting ways of preparing children for starting school.

We will shortly be writing to all parents sharing some of the many ways we will be supporting both children and parents.

## **Keeping You Close**

Brooklands has worked hard to support your child at home and we recognise that teaching is about relationships. We know that children want to hear from their teachers and are working hard to harness ways of keeping these links alive. A quick video shout out, a personal DoJo message, a phone call, all make the world of difference. Dogs Dolly and Ronnie, Ron the hamster and Bluie the budgie have also made popular appearances.

Look out for the online survey on ClassDojo to feedback on our remote learning provision.

## **#clapforourcarers**

We hope that you will join us every Thursday evening at 8pm as Team Brooklands applauds all those making an unbelievable difference to our lives in these challenging times.

## **School Places Available**

If you know of families moving into the area who would like to join us we currently have a limited number of places. For information on how they can apply please contact the school office.

Phone calls will continue to be answered. You can call us on 01206 392291. Emails will also continue to be checked. Our email address is [office@brooklandsprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@brooklandsprimary.co.uk)

## **Did You See That Bear?**

Brooklands is keen to remain community facing during this time and the last few weeks have seen many of you decorating and leaving pebbles around Brantham for others to find on their family walks. We've had several left at school! Thanks to all of those who have brought a smile to others.

This week we are challenging families to a mass teddy bear hunt. Place a stuffed toy in your window to give children a fun and safe activity while walking around the neighbourhood with parents. You might see a few teddies hiding in windows at Brooklands too.

If you have an idea on how we can together support our wider community by random acts of kindness we'd like to hear them. Helping to bring a smile.