

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

There are two epidemics sweeping the world now. The first is a virus, the other is a global outbreak of goodwill and community spirit. In these challenging times people are doing wonderful and generous things in response to COVID-19. We've seen universal clapping for frontline workers; people donating money and shopping for their elderly neighbours. At Brooklands we've been humbled by the creative and caring ways our community has responded to make a difference.

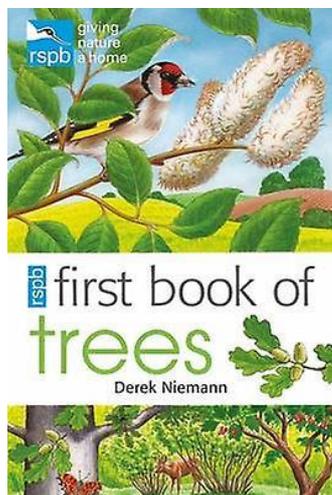
Over recent weeks Brooklands has worked hard during these unsettling times to deliver home learning, as well as ensure provision remains open for vulnerable children and those of critical workers. We've also worked hard to maintain personal contact with families as well as creating magical moments with events such as 'Brooklands Got Talent' and we have many more exciting plans for next term.

Every single member of our Brooklands team wants the children to be back at school. They miss the children. But, we also want to make sure that those we care for are safe and secure. Our children's safety and well-being are at the heart of our decision making. Please also remember that although our doors may be closed to many of our families, we are still here to help those who may need additional support during this difficult time. Please get in touch. Take care and stay safe.

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Pines From Your Poppers

Whether in your garden or out and about, you'll find trees everywhere. Learn how to tell your pines from your poplars. To support our children learning about the trees they see around them we have purchased several copies of the RSPB First Book Of Trees UK by Derek Niemann. We hope that families will use these guides to learn about 35 of the most common British trees. Perhaps you can visit our Forest School site Pattles Fen or enjoy a walk around Brantham and find some of the amazing species in the book.



## Building Fences

School improvements are continuing despite current challenges. Brooklands is currently installing new fencing around its perimeter. School fencing is essential in creating a secure haven for children to move safely around the grounds.

## Limited 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)

## Questions For Miss Glanvill

Most of our New Intake parents are now on ClassDojo. Grace Glanvill will also be sharing more posts over the next few weeks to support your child's transition to school.

Look out for a Q & A with Grace where we will be asking your children to send in their questions for her to answer.

## Building On Knowledge

Online learning opportunities over the past weeks have enabled Team Brooklands to enhance their understanding of the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach in maths especially in terms of how our children are developing a deeper understanding of the subject which we are continuing to enhance.