

parents newsletter



10th June 2020

Dear Parents,

At the beginning of this time of COVID-19 I spoke about the challenges ahead, challenges which meant that we were all going to have to lead in ways never done before, work in ways we have never worked before and teach in ways we have never taught before. Whilst the challenges are far from over, the new ways we are learning to work and what we have learnt from what we have tried, as well as the way we have united in the face of adversity gives me much hope and optimism for the opportunities that lie ahead.

It has long been said that the worst of times brings out the best in people and that out of a crisis comes both optimism and opportunity. The speed of the pandemic took us all by surprise, but the amazing Brooklands Team quickly stepped up, making dramatic changes. Amid the fear and uncertainty, we have risen to the challenge and gone above and beyond, energized by the desire to make a real difference for our children, families and community.

Over the weeks my thoughts and challenge to the team, has been to start to think beyond the now. So, what's next? What might the 'new normal' look like? We have spent so much time engrossed in immediate action, trying to do the right thing in the here and now, but what about the future? What can we be optimistic about? What are the real opportunities? The questions and challenges are endless, but one thing is for sure, this could provide a real opportunity for significant and positive change. We all need to start imagining Brooklands as it should be in the new normal and work towards developing step by step plans to make it a reality. One thing is certain, we will map out our road to recovery, we will stay optimistic along the way and when we do get there, it will be a better future.

Kind Regards

Christine Davy

Building Relationships

I am pleased to announce the teaching arrangements from September designed to support the transition of our children on to their next year.

Early Years	Grace Glanvill
Year 1	Becca Storey
Year 2	Jasmin Clarke
Year 3	Melissa Payne
Year 4	Chloe King
Year 5	Charlie Goddard
Year 6	Rhian Brighton

This is an exciting time and our teachers will be sharing a bit about themselves with their new class as well as information about the exciting topics they will be learning. Look out on ClassDojo where your child's new teacher will be posting videos and messages.

Becca Storey and Chloe King are already working with the team in online training to support them ahead of their start in September.

New Chairs and Tables

Brooklands' learning environment is thoughtfully designed to support teaching and learning. We have recently purchased new classroom chairs and tables with trays which will allow your children to store their learning resources.

Faces Like Ours

All children love seeing faces like theirs within the pages of their picture books. We have recently added to our collection of books starring children of colour.

Greater diversity in books not only gives children of colour an opportunity to see themselves in stories but also helps broaden the perspective of all children by fostering children's sense of empathy and connection with characters who might look different from themselves.

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

Ready, Steady, Bake!

Following on from the success of our Brooklands Got Talent we will be inviting you to take part in The Great Brooklands Bake Off. Send in a photograph of your bake. Alongside Fran and Jude we will be judging our children's creativity and how our young bakers have used their imagination.