

parents newsletter



30th June 2020

Dear Parents,

Brooklands has been working as a team to think how we might best support our children when we return to school after Lockdown and please be reassured that Covid- 19 has not altered our passion and focus. You will find our curriculum full of ambition, opportunities and new things for all our children.

Conversations in education are moving rapidly and looking to what will happen after the majority of children are able to return to school, and how to address 'missed learning'. We know that our children have been learning during lockdown and have seen from the many ClassDojo posts that our children have continued to embrace our school values, trying new things from paddle boarding to fishing. Many have enthusiastically pursued their own interests, engaged in life skills activities like never before, and fostered closer family relationships. Sadly, we also know that some children will have learned devastating lessons. They may have learned a deeper understanding of what it means to live in poverty, or encountered this for the first time as parents have lost jobs to the pandemic. Some may sadly have encountered the heart crushing grief of bereavement.

Our focus, therefore, when we resume will be on looking at what each child needs to flourish, grow and to bounce back with resilience from their individual experiences of lockdown so that they continue to meet their potential. This will involve focusing on the children's social, emotional and mental health as well as their basic skills and an aspirational curriculum. Together we will reconnect and rebuild.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

School Meals

Find out if your child is eligible for free school meals due to low income and how to apply. Visit www.suffolk.gov.uk.

Eligible children will also benefit in school with additional funding allocated to the school to support them in the classroom.

New Lockers

We have recently installed lockers for our Year 1 and Year 2 children providing them with a safe space to store their belongings (coats and PE kits).

Joining Brooklands

We have several new faces joining Brooklands in September, however, we still have a limited number of places available. If you know of families moving into the area and would like information on how they can apply please contact the school office. You can call us on 01206 392291. Alternatively our email address is office@brooklandsprimary.co.uk

Full of Wonder

Our new Year 1 teacher Becca Storey has been introducing herself to Brooklands by sharing her love of music on ClassDojo. Join in with her to sing 'Wonder' by Emeli Sande. The soundtrack encourages us to be brave, to work hard and to be resilient.

Playground Uplift

We have recently rejuvenated our playground. We have installed colourful new signage to promote positive behaviour in the playground emphasizing the importance of being kind, honest, helpful and respectful.

Refurbishment Continues

We continue our refurbishment of the school over the Summer holidays and there will be further painting of classrooms and toilets taking place.

Endangered Animals

Following this years success we will be continuing with the theme of endangered animals as our class names. Eager to make a difference our children will learn about their habitats, the challenges each creature faces and what can be done to protect them.

Uniform Reminder

If you are purchasing uniform ready for September, please note that jumpers and cardigans need to have the school logo on and can be purchased online <https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/>.

Get Peddling

Brooklands has secured Bikeability training in September for next year's Year 6. This is a great programme that helps our children develop the skills to ride confidently on the roads.