

parents newsletter



24th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Brooklands has a number of exciting plans for the year ahead including a range of new enriched opportunities designed to stimulate and excite our young learners. As part of this development, Jasmin Clarke in her new role as music leader has inspiring plans to expand our music provision at Brooklands. Jasmin has already planned a number of music events including a visit to the Music for Youth Primary Proms held at the Royal Albert Hall, the Young Voices at the O2 Arena and a Carol Concert held at the Ipswich Corn Exchange. We are also extending the opportunities our children have to learn a musical instrument through to our Year 5 children where they will now be able to progress on to a B flat clarinet and work towards achieving their Grade 1 exam. We have also recently purchased bluetooth speakers for each classroom so our children can enjoy listening to music. We are hoping that our school performances will be enhanced with microphones for children performing solos.

Our Early Years outside space has been refurbished over the summer and now includes chimes, a xylophone and outdoor drums.

If you have any suggestions on how we can further enhance our music provision please talk to Jasmin. We are particularly keen to hear how we can engage the community.

Best wishes

Christine Davy

Reading at Home

We are looking for parents to help support an increased emphasis on reading at home. Developing a passion for reading is crucial to your child's success and will help them progress through school and beyond. As parents, your support is invaluable in making reading at home part of their daily routine. We are very pleased to have added a substantial new stock of Accelerated Reader books to our expansive library to help engage and excite our young readers.

Learning Together

This year's Learning Together will be focusing on parents experiencing the full range of subjects your child experiences at Brooklands from French to computing.

We hope that this will support our parents in developing their child's knowledge and experiences whether it's a trip to a museum or art gallery.

The Spelling Shed

In response to the success of home learning through the use of online programmes such as Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics we are moving to an online spelling programme called "Spelling Shed". Spelling Shed is a great whole-school programme with online games and enables class teachers to see your child's progress and target support.

Thinking of Starting in 2020

Brooklands will be holding an information evening on 16th October at 6:00pm for parents with children hoping to start school in September 2020. If anyone wishes to attend or would like a tour of the school please contact the school to arrange.

You can now apply online for a school place at www.suffolk.gov.uk. Please remember that applications need to be made by 15th January 2020.

Getting Your Balance Right

Grace Glanvill, Donna Linford and Charlie Goddard (our PE leader) will be attending Balanceability training this week. With the purchase of balance bikes, pedal bikes and helmets our Early Years children will shortly be taking part in structured sessions that will build their confidence, spatial-awareness and balance skills ensuring they can ride a pedal bike with confidence by the end of the programme.

