

parents newsletter



2nd December 2019

Dear Parents

So much happens in school in the lead up to Christmas and I never fail to smile at our children's joy and excitement as we approach this special time of the year. Rehearsals for this year's Christmas production of 'Sugar Plum' are in full swing. This year we also have 2 real Christmas trees to add to the festive spirit, adorned with baubles, robots, astronauts, dinosaurs and unicorns. Santa has been hard at work getting hold of some new Christmas book releases and making sure that our children have some special finds to unwrap under the trees as we lead up to Christmas. Meanwhile our Year 5 children will be singing Christmas songs at the Corn Exchange in Ipswich alongside other schools in the Trust.

There is already news of mischievous Elves around the school and we will be keeping a watchful eye out for evidence of their naughty shenanigans as we get closer to the big day. They can be troublesome little things and love causing chaos from taking a selfie to raiding the food cupboards.

We will have craft activities where the children will be making decorations, our fabulous Christmas Lunch and a Christmas Cake Sale as part of Brooklands Fundraising.

The Christmas Postbox will be open to receive our children's Christmas cards for their friends. On the last day of term the whole school gathers to share Christmas stories by candle light but not before our Early Years have 'tinsel bombed' our trees and often the school! Action packed festive adventures – bring it on!

Best wishes

Christine Davy

Anyone for Ping Pong?

Brooklands has recently purchased some fabulous table tennis tables to help make lunchtimes fun and active.

Packed with health benefits this fun sport is easy to learn and a great way to get active and spend time with friends.



Term-time Absence

I am sometimes asked about authorised absence from school. Absence authorisation is always a difficult and sensitive area of my role as Headteacher and I have to follow strictly imposed Education Authority guidelines.

Where concerns are raised that a child may be on holiday following explanation from home that a child is ill, this is likely to result in the absence not being authorised and a Penalty Notice may be issued by the Local Authority. I hope that this reassures parents who avoid requests for term time absence or those who make requests to the headteacher.

Uniform

I am attaching a copy of our Uniform Policy. A few reminders for information:

- Skirts (knee length)
- Red school logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- White, grey or red socks or tights
- Black, flat, sensible shoes only (not: boots, high heels, trainers or slip on)
- Long hair tied back
- A coat

Excellence in Pupil Development Award

Brooklands is constantly looking to new examples of best practice and is currently working towards the Excellence in Pupil Development Award. Watch this space for further information about this award in the coming weeks.

From Ancient Rome to the Anglo Saxons

Following our children's engagement in the recent Ancient Rome workshop we have a number of exciting history workshops scheduled throughout the year including an Anglo Saxon workshop.