

# parents newsletter



25<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents,

How quickly time moves on and we have adapted to a “new normal”. As we continue to work together as a great team it is my hope that we will take the good things that we have learnt over the last few months with us and that the generous collaboration, sense of community and caring that has brought us closer together continues, so that we continue to support our children to gain the skills, knowledge and qualities they need to ‘Be the Best they can Be’.

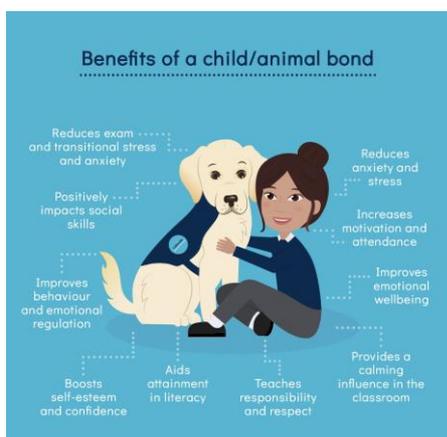
How can you help your children in the autumn term? The answer is by continuing the strong partnership working you have fostered over the last few months and by continuing to play an active part in supporting your child’s learning at home. Together, with your active involvement, we will be working to ensure that every parent can play a positive role in their child’s learning. Research has shown that when schools and families work together, children do better. Supporting your child to foster learning habits such as daily reading, completing home learning tasks and taking part in extracurricular activities, as well as valuing and celebrating positive learning behaviours will help them ‘bounce back’ from their time away from school.

Every one of you wants your child to do well in school and go on to do awesome things as adults. Your participation and engagement with the school plays a big part in shaping your child’s future.

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Ronnie Passes Exams

Brooklands is working with Canine Assisted Learning to support us in providing animal assisted interventions.



Ronnie, Charlie Goddard’s dog has recently become a fully qualified Canine Assistant. Charlie along with other staff have also undertaken specialist training to ensure safe and effective implementation of the interventions Ronnie will be helping to provide.

## The Kitchen is Open

Our school kitchen will be open from the start of the autumn term. We look forward to Fran and her team serving hot meals once again.

## Keeping Us Safe

Brooklands will be ensuring everyone at school cleans their hands more often than usual, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, and before and after eating. In readiness for September parents can help support and encourage their children to adopt these practices in readiness using soap and water or hand sanitizer.

We will also be ensuring good respiratory hygiene, by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.

## Learning Together at a Distance

Following Government guidance, Brooklands will avoid large gatherings. Therefore we have no planned onsite activities for parents (e.g. Learning Together). We will, however, continue to look for creative solutions to engage with parents through the use of remote activities and keep you involved.

## New Faces

We have several new faces joining Brooklands in September but if you know of families moving into the area who would like to join us, we currently have a limited number of places. We encourage you to follow us on our new Facebook platform targeted at prospective parents and share with friends who may be interested in their child joining us.