

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

We often talk about what makes a “Brooklands’ learner” and in identifying those stand out qualities we recognise a range of attributes. When we think of a child at Brooklands we think of someone who embodies the ethos to try new things; perseverance; understanding others; and learning from mistakes.

This week I found myself thinking what makes a Brooklands parent? Very often when I think of our parents I think of one knee deep in mud at Forest School but more than this our parents embrace our muddy, discovery filled days, filling washing machines across Brantham with mud covered clothing and sharing in their child’s world of adventure. Our parents appreciate that the most mormorable days usually end with the muddiest clothes!

What also makes our parents stand out is their shared commitment and engagement with the school, always on hand to support and help.

Our parents also make the greatest cheerleaders. They are our commenters and consistent like generators. Through their participation on ClassDojo our parents immerse themselves in our wonderful classroom moments. Not just raising the roof for their own child but also in recognising and celebrating the achievements of others across the school. Being that cheerleader for someone else. It is all of this which adds such warmth and encouragement to all that we do.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Arbor App

Brooklands has recently changed to using the Arbor Management Information System and encourage all our parents to download the Arbor App. The App will enable parents to:

- Edit contact details for your child such as your home address or phone number.
- Manage your child’s payment accounts and pay for meals or trips directly.
- Add new medical information about your child.

Over time we will be extending its use to let you book parent consultation slots and register your child for a club or trip. You will also be able to use it to check in on your child’s attendance and academic progress.

Books For Everyone

When purchasing books at Brooklands, we work hard to ensure they represent different kinds of families and are relatable for our children. We consider these books to be for every child. Raising an open-minded and accepting child begins with valuable, positive experiences that can be shared through books.

OMAT Spotlight

Teachers across the Trust have been working together to take part in remote sessions focussing on supporting children to make good progress in their reading.

Team Captains

Our local rivers: Orwell, Gipping, Stour and Deben have been chosen as team names for whole school events. Each Team Captain will have the role of motivating and inspiring their teams and others, across a range of activities and events through the year.

Recently our Team Captains hosted our whole school cross country event and coming up soon will be an exciting squash tournament.



Zoom For Information

We are holding a remote information evening on 11th November at 6.00pm for parents with children starting school in September 2021. If we don’t already have your email address please let us know.

COVID Update

Our locality has experienced a rise in COVID- 19 infections in recent weeks, prompting Essex County Council to move into Tier 2. Brooklands continues to put in place a range of protective measures. We would like to thank our families for their thoughtfulness for others.