

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Growing up on a farm, I have many fond and lasting memories of muddy times and adventures outdoors and I am sure that it has shaped my passion to raise children who love to get their hands dirty and make the most of learning outside. I still live close to the farm today, and can easily recall memories of climbing on straw bales, riding on tractors and feeding the lambs. Now with the vantage point of years past, I look back at the amazing childhood I had as well as recognising the countless lessons I learned from those experiences. Qualities like determination, patience and hard work.

In farming hard work, patience, and perseverance are pivotal to success. There are times when it can be incredibly frustrating, when machinery won't work, where you are dependent on the weather or you are at the mercy of slugs! I remember how my dad remained calm and handled each problem at hand. I also learned the meaning of passion. It takes a certain love to wake up early in the morning to load sugar beat in all weather. I try to follow his example and have learnt the importance of succeeding in a job which brings you satisfaction and joy each day.

All of these experiences have nurtured my vision for Brooklands and the value I place on learning outdoors whether it's trips to the Forest, visits to the beach, pond dipping or simply learning more about the world around us. Experiences that I hope will positively shape the lasting memories of our young people as they grow and discover their passions.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Let's Get Spelling

Brooklands is pioneering a new spelling approach in January and in preparation for this, part of PD day (27th November) will focus on ways teachers can support children to learn spelling rules, and importantly, how children can apply them more consistently into their writing.

Odd Socks Unite Us

Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by working together, through shared efforts, we can reduce bullying. From parents, to teachers and children, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference. And to support this aim our theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying.

Last week started with an Odd Socks Day to celebrate what makes us all unique and as part of our further activities we have elected our new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

New Intake 2020/2021 Reminder

It has been great welcoming new families to Brooklands and sharing with you what Brooklands has to offer. If you would like your child to start at Brooklands in September 2021 applications need to be made by 15th January 2020.

Birthday

Celebrating a birthday is a special time for your child marked with special touches like birthday cards, birthday balloons, wearing novelty birthday glasses. Brooklands works hard to make your child's birthday a special one and add a little sparkle to their special day.

Medical Appointments

Where possible we ask that medical appointments are made outside of school hours. Where this is not possible please email details to the school office.

What's Happening On The Farm

As part of the Farmer Time initiative, our children have regular live chats with their classroom matched farmer using FaceTime. They are able to discuss ideas, ask questions, share knowledge and gain a 'real-time' understanding of the issues farmers face every day. This is a fabulous opportunity as part of our enhanced curriculum focused on creating learning opportunities based on real-life contexts.

Going For Silver

Brooklands is working towards the Silver Level Award for Learning Outside the Classroom in recognition of the experiences we offer our children. In particular focussing on our "real-world" learning opportunities.