

parents newsletter



17th December 2020

Dear Parents,

As 2020 draws to an end many of us will be ready to close the door on this year and move forward into a hopeful future. And whilst none of us know exactly what 2021 will bring, I imagine that we all share hopes and dreams for what it might hold from landing the perfect job, having a child, climbing that mountain (whether metaphorical or literal!), taking that dream trip, the list is endless and as individual as each of us.

Reflecting back on Brooklands over the year we have seen the familiar milestones change with both the seasons and social events. In a year when we had to strip back and rethink all the usual experiences that make Brooklands special we have had to put a new spin on some of our more established events. Staff, children and families have adapted, supported and created new special moments that will be remembered for years to come.

Nobody knows what the 'new normal' will look like. Will there be wedding ceremonies featuring everyone a couple knows, packed stadiums, concert venues with thousands of people? What I do know, is we will continue to make our children's time at Brooklands a special one, filled with lasting memories and discovering new passions. We will continue to be energised by new ways of planning our more familiar events and continue to innovate and challenge ourselves.

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday and look forward to greeting you all again in 2021!

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Silver Sparkle

I am delighted to announce that Brooklands has become the first school in Suffolk to be awarded the Learning Outside the Classroom Mark (Silver). This is a powerful statement of our strong commitment to providing frequent, continuous and progressive learning beyond the classroom to all of our children.

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 2021.

Exciting School Expansion

Brooklands is currently working with the Local Authority to prepare for the impact that new residential developments are likely to have on the school. In response to planned housing development we will see an expansion of our school site.

11+ Celebrations

Congratulations to all our children who took the 11+ exams recently. Their hardwork, commitment and willingness to push themselves has resulted in another year of excellent results and in doing so inspired others to aim high.

Assessments

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson has announced that teacher assessments in reading, writing and mathematics at Key stage 1 will take place. Key stage 2 tests and phonics screening checks will also remain.

Little Lifesavers

Learning first aid is an invaluable life-skill. It helps children become risk aware and equips them with skills to keep themselves safe and help themselves or others involved in a medical emergency.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children will be taking part in a hands on workshop designed to support them with learning first aid skills.

Festive Cheer & Christmas Magic

Brooklands would like to thank Emma Jenkins (previously a Brooklands parent) and those she has worked with, who have brought magic and sparkle to Brantham with their Brantham Advent Trail. So many of our children have told us how much they have enjoyed the Christmas window reveals.

Others in our community have also extended festive cheer decking their homes and gardens with outdoor lights creating a winter wonderland full of lights and love. Uniting Brantham and making this Christmas a little bit special and twinkly!