

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Recognising the best version of ourselves can take a lifetime to achieve. Very few of us have clarity and vision from a young age to know exactly who we are and what we want to accomplish in life. Brooklands' has at its heart a mission to support and encourage every one of our children to become the 'best you can be'. This might sound like a bold mission but it is one I strongly believe in. By helping our children to recognise their strengths and building on them as well as recognising where they might be a little weaker and working with them to build skills and confidence to make these areas stronger, we actively support and enable our young people to realise their dreams. Unlocking passions, encouraging them to try new things and creating shared learning adventures all contribute to them discovering their confidence and best self from a young age.

Be it footballer to scientist, teacher to explorer, we all want our children to have a fullfilled life and dream about the things we want and wish for them. Together, with your help, we provide our children with feedback on gaps in their learning and support them in this wonderful world of adventure and discovery that will be part of futures forever. You may recognise some of my thoughts on this theme, echoed below, in this week's newsletter.

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## **Breaking The Mould**

From Pharaoh queens and amazing achievers to super scientists and inspiring entrepreneurs. Brooklands has recently purchased a range of children's books that challenge stereotyping and show what can be achieved regardless of gender.

## **Reading Rewards**

There is no better reading motivation than finding the right book for each child. Brooklands has a wealth of books for our children to choose from and as a school we do a great deal to encourage our young readers.

We all want children to read for the love of reading, but sometimes we need to provide a little motivation by way of rewards. Our children can earn a range of rewards including stickers and prizes as they progress in their reading, helping to add a little bit of additional incentive.

## **What's In the Bag?**

Prospective new children only have a couple of weeks to wait to hear whether applications to join Brooklands have been successful.

Each year children starting receive a vibrant red Brooklands' book bag filled with goodies to help them as they start their time with us. We have great fun planning these and there is sure to be a fridge magnet!

## **FaceBook Followers**

We now have over 200 followers of our Brooklands FaceBook page. Aimed at prospective parents, we encourage parents who are not already doing so to like us and share with others who may be interested in finding out more about us. There are a lot of bite sized nuggets about the school and life at Brooklands.

## **Brooklands Expansion**

Suffolk County Council is consulting on a proposal to extend the accommodation at Brooklands Primary School from 210 places to 315 places. This proposal will potentially include some minor internal remodelling of the school in order to create an additional classroom and construct a new standalone block to provide: three classrooms, a studio, a small group room and toilets. The proposal also includes associated external work to provide additional staff/visitor parking and provide an artificial turf pitch.

The exciting and ambitious plans of the proposed changes can be seen in the consultation documents. If you would like to see what plans are being discussed go to [www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations) from Tuesday 6 April 2021 and complete an online comment form or download a comment form and submit it to the address indicated on the webpage.