

parents newsletter



19th April 2021

Dear Parents,

Despite the fluctuating temperatures, there is hope of warmer weather and excitement of the approaching Summer as term begins. With festivals cancelled, flights grounded and some social distancing likely to remain, this summer won't feel quite the same as "normal" and the recovery from lock down(s) will continue to be part of our lives especially over the coming months. None-the-less, Brooklands is planning, with cautious optimism, a summer filled with fabulous and memorable experiences for our children. We already have many visits planned to our Forest School at Pattles Fen where the children will be foraging, cooking on camp fires and zooming down zip wires. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children will have the chance to take part in Off the Wall Squash sessions – something our older children enjoyed enormously. We will be introducing Bikeability training earlier in our children's time at Brooklands and our Year 5 children will complete their training in the next few months. We also have further visits from Dan the Skipping Man and Little City.

More ambitious events such as Sports Day, Learning Together and Productions will be subject to further government guidance. All of our events are planned and considered to ensure the best (and safest) experiences for our children and we are extremely appreciative for all your ongoing understanding and support.

I will continue to keep you updated with more hopes and plans for summer sparkling events and activities as they emerge.

Christine Davy

Exciting Beginnings

Congratulations to all those families who received the good news that they will be joining us at Brooklands. I am pleased to report that once again, we received significant interest in places to start school with us in September.

The Big Ask

Dame Rachel de Souza (Children's Commissioner for England) is launching a once-in-a-generation review of the future of childhood. Dame de Souza said "I want to see childhood right at the top of the Government agenda." At its heart will be 'The Big Ask' - the largest consultation ever held with children in England. Brooklands will be providing our children with the opportunity to take part. This is an exciting chance for our children's views to be heard.

Survey Responses

Thank you to those who took the time to complete our short survey on the school expansion. Over the next few weeks we will be responding to your comments and providing further updates as they emerge.

Recruitment Stars

Our teachers have played an instrumental role in our teacher recruitment for September, introducing candidates to the school and sharing their experiences. With their help we have successfully attracted and appointed strong new teachers to our team.

We look forward to welcoming Kirsty Haddock to Brooklands. Kirsty will be teaching in Early Years alongside Grace Glanvill. As a Newly Qualified Teacher, Kirsty will be following her 3 year teacher training route with Oxford Brookes University. COVID measures permitting, we will have a number of events for parents and children to meet both Kirsty and Grace. See reverse for dates.

Keeping you informed, I will be announcing teaching arrangements for Year 1 to Year 6 in the next few weeks.

Dates For Your Diary

Term dates for the next academic year are now available on our school website to enable parents and extended families in arranging family holidays and events avoiding term time.