

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

The pandemic has meant that we have had fewer opportunities for social interaction, meeting family and friends, going out and about. I am aware myself, how unusual it feels to meet friends again socially. As our children return to old familiar routines and have the opportunity to meet more people: their family, their classmates, their teachers and friends, we are noticing that some of our social skills are a little rusty and need reviving.

Brooklands' visitors in the past have always been very quick to comment on the manners and communication skills of our children and we are keen to resurrect our children's abilities to meet new people, participate in group activities, resolve the occasional fall out with friends and so forth, with respect and confidence. Getting a compliment about your child is one of the best feelings and we want our children to be known for treating others well through acts of kindness and selflessness.

Over the next few months we will be placing a spotlight on good manners. To support our efforts we are asking parents to assist us, modelling good behaviour and praising your child whenever you catch them using good manners or demonstrating an act of kindness. You might want to role-play situations with your child or explain why we do helpful things for others.

Sometimes the simplest things can mean the most.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Camera and Action!

Working with a professional production company, Brooklands is excited to be developing a short film for prospective new parents to the school. The film will aim to offer a flavour of life at Brooklands and in particular things that are difficult to capture in a conventional school tour. We have been filming at our Forest site in Pattles Fen and will be filming in other locations aimed to capture some of the special and unique aspects Brooklands offers to our children.

Tasty Meals and Happiness

This term we have seen more children than ever opting for and enjoying school meals. We feel very lucky to have Fran and her team doing an amazing job creating tasty meal options and building such a warm rapport with the children.

Starting School this Autumn?

Many New Intake parents have signed up to ClassDojo and it is great to see so many of you viewing, liking and commenting on posts.

On Wednesday 19th May at 6pm we will be holding a remote information evening for all parents of children due to start school in the autumn. This is a great chance to find out more about the school day, meet staff and ask those burning questions.

11+ 2022 Entry

Registration for the 11+ exam will be from 18th May to 2nd July. For more information www.csse.org.uk.

A Personal Fanfare!

I am delighted to share that I have passed the National Professional Qualification for Executive Leadership (NPQEL). I am the first Headteacher within the Trust to achieve this advanced qualification which supports the professional development of headteachers working across schools within a multi-academy trust.

Growing and Changing

This term in Personal, Social and Health Education our emphasis will be on changes that children will experience as they grow up: what those changes look and feel like, and why they happen. For our youngest children this sees our children learning correct terminology for body parts and doing the foundation work for the learning that will follow in later year groups. Meanwhile our Year 5 and 6 will look more fully at puberty and reproduction.

Attendance Rising

I am pleased to report that attendance has returned to pre-pandemic levels, with attendance now at the highest it has been throughout the pandemic.