

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Over the next year(s) we will see Brooklands grow and flourish, extending its accommodation from 210 places to 315 places. There are exciting plans in flow for a new standalone block which will provide: three classrooms, a studio, a small group room and toilets. There will be additional staff/visitor parking and an artificial turf pitch installed. We know, however, that Brooklands is more than the school building, it is the community that surrounds and supports it.

Brooklands is a flagship that boasts so many wonderful features which support us and provide our children with rich and memorable experiences. As an intrinsic part of Brantham, Brooklands is rooted in the heart of "Constable Country" with its picturesque landscapes that continue to inspire our young artists, as it did for John Constable more than 200 years ago. From drawing to photography, walking to cycling, for our children who embrace the outdoors we are barely a glance away from one of the UK's most beautiful and iconic areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Just a ten minute walk from our school we have our Forest School site, Pattles Fen where our children experience climbing trees, sliding down muddy slopes and enjoying campfires. There are vibrant local shops where our youngest children venture out to post handwritten letters. With a community spirit as large as our famous expansive East Anglian skies, Brooklands holds a special place in this often unsung but rare gem on the river Stour.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Attendance Reminder

Following children being away from school due to the pandemic it is vital that children maintain good attendance. Consequently, whenever possible, we ask parents to make every effort to avoid making medical or dental appointments during the school day and try to arrange these during school holidays or after school. (We do appreciate that this is not always possible.)

Where appointments in school time are unavoidable, it is essential that you both take and collect your child from school, bringing them back once their appointment is over. The Local Authority also requires that we hold evidence of their appointment for school records.

New Floors

We continue our refurbishment of the school over the half-term break with new flooring in our Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms.

FaceBook Following

We now have over 210 followers on 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.

What Will Be In Your Bag?

It was great to see so many families at our New Intake session last week. We are looking forward to our new families collecting their bookbags after half-term. Each year we enjoy adding new items ranging from key rings to teddy bears to support our youngest children's transition in to school. We hope that this makes their start to school a memorable one.

The Smell of New Things

Brooklands' learning environment is thoughtfully designed to support teaching and learning. In readiness for an additional Early Years classroom in September we have purchased new classroom chairs, tables and storage. We have also purchased a wealth of exciting new resources in readiness for September. Inspired by our school expansion these include a small world wooden construction site featuring a digger, crane, bulldozer, dump truck and workers.

Team Brooklands

We are now fully staffed with teachers for September. Families will find out their child's new class teacher after half-term.

Farmer Time Fortnight

Following the recent success of our Farmer Time sessions, next year our class names will be inspired by farm animals.