

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Teachers are the foundation of our education system and there are no great schools without great teachers. Brooklands has led the way for quite a few years now in its commitment to nurturing new teaching talent and ensuring our new teachers enjoy the support they need to thrive and the time to devote to their professional development. In September Paige Allen, Kirsty Haddock and Rebecca Devine will be joining Brooklands as early career teachers. Attracted by our vision and values, our high standards, and our reputation for training and developing staff.

Over the next two-years these bright stars will receive a two-year package of structured training and support linked to the best available research evidence. In the early years of teaching practice our new recruits will experience a steep learning curve as they apply their skills and build their confidence, learning the difference between strong and exceptional teaching. Just as with other professions like medicine and law, teachers in the first years of their career requires high quality, structured support in order to begin the journey towards becoming an expert. During induction, it is essential that early career teachers are able to develop the knowledge, practices and working habits that set them up for a fulfilling and successful career in teaching. Here at Brooklands we are able to tailor bespoke support and mentoring to enhance Paige, Kirsty and Rebecca's practice.

For our experienced teachers Charlie Goddard, Marie Hunting, Grace Glanvill and Rhian Brighton as well as Beth Aherne and Jack Rutherford who will be joining us, together we will be supporting them in leading teaching across the curriculum.

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Brooklands Remodelled

Before construction of our new standalone block begins as part of the school's expansion, over the Summer break Brooklands will be having some minor internal remodelling done to create an additional classroom and group room. Our kitchen will also be having some refurbishment.

## Free School Meals

Do you have a child moving in to Year 3 in September? If so, universal free school meals will end. You may wish to check your eligibility for continued free school meals by following the link below. The checking process is very quick and easy to follow and will instantly confirm your eligibility. For each child who is registered eligible for free meals the school receives funding thereby helping you and supporting the school.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

## Come And Say Hello

Meeting new class teachers is a great way of helping you and your child transition through the school. On July 7<sup>th</sup> there is the opportunity to meet new teachers. Look out for new teachers on the playground at the end of the school day.

## Keep It Brooklands!

If you are thinking of buying new clothes and shoes for September please refer to our uniform policy. Please be aware that trainers are not considered suitable footwear for school. Socks need to be plain black, grey or white and hair accessories need to be black, brown, white or red (simple and practical hair bands and clips - no fashion items).

## Wild World Heroes

Our Summer Reading Challenge (2021) has been announced with the interesting nature-theme of 'Wild World Heroes'.

We know that children's reading can 'dip' during the Summer holidays but with a little time, planning and encouragement this can easily be avoided. The Reading Challenge has been designed to encourage your child to read a minimum of 6 library books of their choice from the fabulous range on offer in our local libraries.

## Brooklands Young Explorers

Many parents new to Brooklands often ask about wrap-around provision. Brooklands Young Explorers, situated next to the school runs a great wrap-around offering and can be contacted on 01206 396641. They offer care 7.30 am to 6.30pm.