

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

As the end of term approaches teachers have been receiving your generous thank you notes, from both parents and children. Teachers and staff alike never fail to be touched by the thought and consideration that goes into each and every card and note they receive. They are especially meaningful following the past 15 months for them which has proven to be an incredibly challenging time.

I would like to express gratitude and thanks to all of our parents on behalf of myself and all of the team for your much appreciated kind words whether during a phone call, conversation or ClassDojo message.

Like many of you, we have shared frustrations and disappointment at having to modify large scale events that have become part of our school calendar in order to follow guidelines set out beyond our control, whilst seeing wider sectors such as pubs and restaurants filling with people once again. We can see that things will return to a more familiar "normal" in the near future but for now, to all our staff and parent champions who have supported each other with resilience and self-efficacy, thank you.

With so many of our local schools instructing children to self-isolate, it is my determination to support our community to the end of term without detriment to the start of the children's summer break. A summer where I hope that the sun will make a reappearance and they will be able to play with their family and friends again!

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Planning Ahead

To support parents' planning I want to share changes to the school day. From September if school bubbles are scrapped, the start of the school day will be 8.50am for all children. Gates will open at 8.40am and doors will be open for children to come straight in to school. For all children the end of the school day will be 3.20pm.

## From Humble Beginnings Passions Begin

Thanks to the continued support of Suffolk County Music Service we are delighted that for another year all our Key Stage 2 children will have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Our Year 3 children will have the chance to learn the recorder whilst our Year 4, 5 and 6 children will learn the clarinet. We hope that some of our children will embark on graded music exams and accomplish their Grade 1.

## Looking Forward to Sharing Again

In anticipation of relaxing of covid measures in schools we have planned a number of parent engagement activities for the autumn term. These include Learning Together sessions where parents can come into school and learn alongside their child. See reverse for dates.

## What a Goal!

We have recently purchased new football goals for our children to enjoy at lunchtimes.

## Exciting Visits Need Your Support

Following lockdown we recognise all too well how important it is for our children to have opportunities to visit and have experiences beyond our school gates. Staff at Brooklands are putting a great deal of their time into planning a range of exciting visits in the Autumn term but in the past years we have faced significant challenges acquiring parental permissions and support through voluntary contributions. We recognise that everyone's circumstances are different and strive to keep voluntary contributions as low as possible and for this reason, we ask parents to think carefully about the impact of not contributing. If the school isn't able to secure enough voluntary contributions it may be necessary to cancel an event.

## Bringing The Farm to Brooklands

Each year Brooklands invests a significant proportion of its school budget in organising visitors in to school. In September our youngest children will have a mobile farm visit. Bringing a taste of the farm to them they will experience up close, animals that love to be petted, picked up, brushed and walked along.

## A Cheer For Our Wellie Warriors!

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have supported our forest school visits this year despite all the weather and wider challenges.