

# parents newsletter



15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents,

As this academic year comes to a close, the Summer break brings plans for families to enjoy time together and offers our children a well deserved break. Brooklands, however, doesn't stand still over the holidays and this year is no exception.

Ahead of construction of our new stand alone block, over the Summer break Brooklands will be having internal remodelling done to create an additional classroom and group room. Our kitchen will also be having some refurbishment and plans are in action for our Early Years outside space to be rejuvenated with new fencing.

The Summer break will also be the time when our new teachers Kirsty Haddock and Paige Allen will become more familiar with the school and start their preparations for the coming term including beginning their Forest School Level 3 training. We look forward to our new Forest leaders introducing new adventures and experiences for our children following their advanced training. Meanwhile, all of our teachers will be working hard over the Summer with curriculum planning and developing their classroom learning environments ready for the Autumn.

I am looking forward to the Autumn bringing a more familiar "normal" with everything from school trips to Learning Together sessions where our parents can learn alongside their children. The return of our school productions and all those opportunities to see our children showcase their skills and talents including sports. More importantly I'm looking forward to a time where our children can come together as one during the school day and hearing once again the special sounds of playtimes, lunchtimes and assemblies that bring Brooklands alive.

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Club Market

Brooklands will be hosting a Club Market again this September. Much like a Freshers' Fair this is a chance for our children to be introduced to new clubs and activities in the local area. If you have any suggestions we would love to hear. We're keen for our children to try new things.

## Uniform Ready

If you are purchasing uniform ready for September, please note that jumpers and cardigans need to have the school logo on and can be purchased online <https://pmsgschoolwear.co.uk>.

A few reminders:

- Skirts (knee length)
- Red school logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- Plain white, grey or red socks or tights
- Black, flat, sensible shoes only (not: boots, high heels, trainers or slip on)
- Long hair tied back. Hair items to be school colours (red, white, black). No fashion items

## Kick Start our Fundraising

Over the Autumn term we hope to reignite our Brooklands Fundraising efforts. If you and a group of parents have any ideas and are keen to take a plan forward please get in touch with me.

## Planning Your Diary

There are 190 school days in an academic year, leaving 175 days free for families. Headteachers are bound by strict criteria regarding absence and are not permitted to grant leave on school days unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you do need to take time out of school for any reason we ask that you please contact the school to arrange an appointment in order to make a request for permission. If an absence has to be logged as unauthorised this may result in a penalty notice being issued to you by the Local Authority. (See reverse for term dates.)

## Wild World Heroes & Reading Adventures

There is compelling evidence to show how children's reading can 'dip' during their Summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure but with a little time and thought this can be avoided.

There are many ways to keep reading a fun part of each day even when you don't have time to sit down with a book. Car trips, errands and whilst you wait in line are all opportunities for reading. Pop a book in a rucksack, car or bag and you may find that your best reading moments come in the unlikeliest of locations. Don't forget our fabulous Summer Reading Challenge 2021 too, with the theme of 'Wild World Heroes'.