

parents newsletter



23rd June 2022

Dear Parents,

As we are close approaching the end of term the school is gearing up in readiness for September. For our teachers, the summer break takes on a palpable sense of excitement as deliveries of boxes packed with new and exciting resources arrive. With keenness and interest we all clamber to peer in at our new discoveries of publications. Some of the new arrivals will include: *The Girl with the Dragon Heart* by Stephanie Burgis, *Do Not Mess with the Mermaids* by Sharon Davey and *Sabotage on the Solar Express* by Elisa Paganelli.

But it is not just the books that we are looking forward to seeing. In other areas of the school there will be new resources linked to religious education, history, geography and science for our children to experience hands on learning and enquiry including a giant sized human ear model with removable eardrum, hammer and anvil and 2 part labyrinth with stirrup, cochlea and balance nerve and other models including a skull, eye and heart.

Our Early Years' will be getting new trikes and scooters as well as outdoor panels with windows and a counter top to support role play. Inspired by our building work onsite, we have also purchased a role play cement mixer, foam bolder brick blocks and hand operated digger. Which of our teachers will be the first to try these out I wonder?

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Great Results

Consistent with our pre-COVID figures, an impressive 76% of our children have reached a Good Level of Development at the end of their Early Years.

Keeping Above National

93% of children in Year 1 achieved the expected standard in the phonics screening check. This is consistent with our 2019 results and is likely to remain above the national figure.

Go Gadgeteers!

Our Summer Reading Challenge (2022) has been Announced. This year's interesting theme is science and innovation based and titled 'Gadgeteers'. This 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. We know from experience that children's reading can 'dip' during the Summer holidays but with a little time, planning and encouragement this can easily be averted.

Helping Your Child

On July 6th there is the opportunity to meet new teachers. Also look out for new teachers on the playground at the end of the school day and have a chat in preparation for September.

Sink to Sage Walls

Brick work for our new teaching block should finish in the next few days and shortly followed by the roof being erected. Internal finishes have been finalised and we look forward to seeing classrooms with wood effect flooring, inbuilt storage and fresh paint soon.

It's Quick and Easy

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.

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

Congratulations To Our New Phase Leaders

Congratulations to Grace Granvill, Rhian Brighton and Jack Rutherford who have all secured new leadership positions at Brooklands starting in September. Each will become Phase Leaders modelling exceptional practice and inspiring others:

Early Years and Year 1
Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4
Year 5 and Year 6

Grace Glanvill
Rhian Brighton
Jack Rutherford