

# parents newsletter



12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school term. We also say hello to four new families this term. Thank you to everyone who has extended a warm welcome to our new faces. I am sure that they will have welcomed your friendship and guidance.

We are very proud of the amazing community we have at Brooklands and the relationship we have with our parents, children and teachers. Each year we are delighted and strengthened by the support we receive from others and we have seen teachers and support staff extending care with simple questions like 'How are you today?', 'If you need any help, I am just here...'. These simple, genuine questions mean a lot and help to build relationships and show our children that we care. Our children play a vital role too, and in the same way, being that friend, that team member, a friendly classmate who is always there to lend a hand and take time to ask others how they are doing can make a huge difference to someone's day. It is especially difficult for some of our children at the beginning of term to leave their parent and acts of kindness, friendship and reassurance can help enormously.

Through collaboration, our strong sense of community and caring we will support our children and enable them to 'Be the Best they can Be'

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Getting Active

Many of us will recall the joy of skipping. All of our classes have been getting active with Dan the Skipping Man, helping us to make playtimes active. The school has purchased skipping ropes and more skipping workshops will be coming throughout the year.

## A Passion That Shapes Futures

Nurturing a passion for reading is crucial to your child's success, helping them progress through school and beyond. As parents, your support is invaluable in making reading at home part of their daily routine to help us we are looking for parents to help support an increased emphasis on reading at home.

## Getting On Our Bikes

Bikeability is a national cycle training programme. It helps you learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads. Year 6 children begin their Bikeability training this week to ensure they have the practical skills to cycle safely and develop a lifelong love of cycling.

## Block Developments

The walls inside our new teaching block are being painted. Can you guess what colour they will be?

## Lunch

Almost all of our children have taken up their opportunity for free school meals. We have a great team of cooks at Brooklands who provide fresh meals for our children daily. If your child is in Early Years or Year 1 or 2 all they need to do is tell their teacher they would like lunch.

## Avoiding Disruption

We know from research and experience how irregular school attendance seriously disrupts children's continuity of learning and there is also clear evidence of links with underachievement. Broken attendance can also unsettle friendship groups. As a school we are keen to work closely with parents to avoid 'broken weeks' and the impact this can have on our children.

## Thinking of 2023?

If you have a child starting school next September, you can now apply online for a school place at [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk). For parents with children living in Essex applications open 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 ([www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)).

To arrange a tour of the school please contact the school office. We are holding an information evening on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm for parents with children starting school in September 2023.