

parents newsletter



16th November 2022

Dear Parents,

Each year around this time, parents across the country, will be turning their thoughts to choosing a school for their child. For some it is simpler than others, as they may already have an older child at a school near them and they wish to choose the same school. Whereas for those trying to decide for the first time or if you are moving to an unfamiliar area, the task can seem quite hard. Whatever your situation, we know that selecting a school for your child is an important decision and it can sometimes feel like a daunting challenge deciding which school is going to be the best choice for your family.

Choosing a school is one of those key times when parents reflect on what is important to them in terms of their child's education. Most parents undertake a range of activities to help them decide, some embark on their own research and attend information evenings or school visits. Another thing that can be helpful is talking to current parents who have first-hand experience of life at the school. To help you find out more about Brooklands we also have a Facebook page that you might want to check out as well as a brief taster video of life at Brooklands which is accessible via our website.

We are here to support you and so, if you are thinking of Brooklands why not get in touch and book a visit today.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

OMAT Spotlight

Brooklands will be joining other schools in the trust on our staff training day on November 25th. We will be welcoming the inspirational, Jaz Ampaw-Farr as our keynote speaker. If you have not heard about her, check out her TEDx Talk (Everyday Heroes).

Lighting The Way

Linked to the school expansion, new street lighting has been installed at the front of the school.

There Is Still Time

It has been great welcoming new families to Brooklands. If you would like your child to start at Brooklands in September 2023 applications need to be made by 15th January 2023.

Parliamentary Question Time

Brooklands will be marking UK Parliament Week from Monday 14th November – Friday 18th November. Our own Brooklands Parliament will be meeting local MP James Cartlidge and asking him questions related to what makes him a 'Difference Maker'.

Exceptional Wrap-Around Care

Brooklands Young Explorers runs before- and after-school care on site from 7.30am to 6.30pm. Offering indoor and outdoor play facilities, caring staff as well as breakfast and evening meal. Call 01206 396641 or email haleyaherne@hotmail.co.uk for details.

Support For Grieving Children

At our last Parent Forum we discussed how both the school and parents can support children who may be grieving. If you have a child who is grieving the loss of a loved one, Place2Be, a children's mental health charity has some useful guidance on how parents can support their child when someone dies.

In school, staff will be completing 2 online courses with Winston's Wish, a childhood bereavement charity so we can better help those going through a bereavement. We have also purchased a range of resources to support children after the death of someone close to them.

Focus on Communication

Our next Parent Forum will be 28th November (2.30 – 3.20). This forum's topic focus for discussion is "communication".

Mobility Strategy

The large scale housing development taking place in Brantham will result in our school capacity increasing from 210 to 315 pupils over the next few years. We are currently working on a pupil mobility strategy to support new arrivals to the school. If your family has moved to Brooklands from a different school and you have any suggestions on how we can improve the experience we would love to hear from you.