

parents newsletter



14th December 2022

Dear Parents,

As this year draws to a close it brings with it a time for brief reflection on the many amazing things we have achieved and celebrated at Brooklands in the past year and wow, what a year it has been.

A year in which we become the only school in Suffolk to date to be awarded outstanding in Early Years Provision and Good in all other categories by Ofsted. We celebrated curriculum excellence achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark and have continued to share our exceptional practice with school leaders across the country. Our children's outcomes at the end of Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were once again above national figures and this was accompanied by shining results in phonics for a further year. Our children have also made an active difference to the community from raising money for charity, donating to Foodbanks, creating a wild flower meadow and so much more.

The school site has experienced its most significant transformation since it was originally built, and our children have watched on with enjoyment as cranes to forklifts, bricklayers to electricians have worked to build our stunning, state of the art new teaching facility. There has also been continued rejuvenation of Brooklands outdoor space with the installation of a new trim trail and additional bike and scooter storage, extended car parking and increased early years outside space with climbing equipment, playground resurfacing and a new porch entrance into the school. Record high numbers of families have made Brooklands their school of choice. All of this has been achieved with your continued support for which, myself and the whole team here at Brooklands are so appreciative. All that remains is for me to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season and best wishes for 2023.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Budgeting To Support Our Families

In response to the cost of living crisis and to support family financial planning we are scheduling one class trip each academic year which requires a financial contribution. With the exception of our Year 6 residential to PGL, Bawdsey we aim for these to be under £30. Early Years and Year 1 have recently visited the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds and Year 2 will soon be visiting Firstsite, Colchester. Further trips will be announced as they are fixed.

A number of trips including Forest School, Beach School, the Garrison, Colchester and the Corn Exchange, Ipswich are resourced from school budget.

Be Part Of The Story

ClassDojo is one of the ways we can share with you those unique moments and achievements throughout your child's school day. Through ClassDojo we are able to share classroom updates, special things that happen and announcements with our parents. It is great to see your comments on posts. Whether it's responding to a question, celebrating an achievement or welcoming a new family to the class we're keen for you to be part of the story.

Are You Free To Join Us?...

Our Parent Forum is a valuable way in which our parents are able to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement. We are keen for you to join our next meeting which will be 31st January (2.30pm - 3.20pm). This forum's topic focus for discussion is "playtimes and lunchtimes".

Sharing Learning

Learning Together dates have been announced for next term (see reverse for dates). The theme next term will be history or geography. Learning Together are immensely popular and are a great opportunity for your child to show you their work and to see first-hand what and how they are learning.

Extending The Welcome

We've had a number of new families join us this term. Thank you to all those who have reached out, whether it has been arranging play dates, introducing them to clubs and activities in the area or just saying a warm hello.

Farewell Thanks To Our Builders

Building works at Brooklands will be completed over the Christmas break. Final works include playground markings, installation of play equipment in our expanded early years outdoor space and site clearance in readiness for the new term.