

# parents newsletter



26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

Autumn is always such an exciting time for our children. The start of a new school year. Warmer jackets and coats come out of the cupboard and there's a chill in the air as evenings become darker. Pumpkins start to appear in every corner and the leaves herald the changing season. Birdsong often gives me the impression of being just a bit louder than in the past few weeks and I am once again reminded of Keat's reflections on a 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. I hope that you are getting a little excited about seasonal events that are quickly approaching too.

Our children will also be visiting our Forest School site at Pattles Fen and enjoying autumnal activities from making leaf crowns to baking apples and chocolate on the fire.

Our youngest children will also be scooping out and carving pumpkins, reading books such as We're Going on a Ghost Hunt, The Pumpkin Who was Afraid of the Dark and Funnybones.

This year's Autumn disco is taking on a 'glow in the dark' theme. I can only imagine the creations that we will see as our children bedeck themselves in all shades of neon and glow in the dark outfits. On the night, children will also be given glo-sticks and the opportunity to have glow in the dark tattoos and face paints to add to the fun.

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## **Applications Are Now Open!**

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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ([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 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm for parents with children starting school in September.

## **Stay And Play With Us**

Do you have a child starting school in September 2024? We are also inviting children to a 'stay and play' with Little City on 8<sup>th</sup> October. Families are welcome to drop in between 10.00 and 12.00.

## **You Name It, There's Probably a Club?**

In the past few years we have annually held a very successful Club Market where our children have the opportunity to meet representatives from many local clubs in our community. This week, families visited our Club Market and found out more about the wide range of clubs we have in the area.

## **Fabulous 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.

## **Have a Voice**

Our next Parent Forum will be 9<sup>th</sup> October (2.30 – 3.20). If you would like to put forward a theme for discussion please get in touch.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to George Bones and Amelia Ramsey for being chosen to be Brooklands Heads of School. With their energy and enthusiasm we look forward to seeing them in their new roles.

## **Expanding Our Team of Designated Leads**

With the growth of the school Marie Chapman takes on the new role of Designated Safeguarding Lead alongside myself and Mike Waddell. If you have a concern about a child's well-being please contact the school.

## **Development Is At The Heart Of Brooklands**

Recognising and supporting our teacher's development is hugely beneficial. The leadership team will be undertaking Professional Growth Discussions with staff over the next few weeks.

## **More Congratulations**

Congratulations to Grace Glanvill who takes on a new role as a CUSP Associate Consultant in recognition of her teaching excellence. This will involve teachers from across the country learning from her practice at Brooklands.