

# parents newsletter



6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents Evening this week. This year our Year 6 children joined their parents to discuss their learning and next steps. Our Early Years children also featured in a short film about themselves which was shared with their parents to show what they enjoyed about school. We received a lot of positive feedback from parents about the involvement of the children and as a result hope to extend this into other year groups at our next parents evening in the Spring.

It has also been great to see many parents new to the school showing an interest in supporting Brooklands Friends and Family (previously Brooklands PTA). If you would like to become involved in supporting the school to organise enjoyable events for our children, whilst raising funds for the school, please speak to Maxine Milton (our new Chair of Brooklands Friends and Family).

Kind Regards  
**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Green at the Top

Brooklands has been given the top-rating from the Local Authority based on our 2015 results in Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This annual rating helps the Local Authority to identify good practice in schools and stand as a beacon to other schools wishing to learn from our best practice.

## Make a Noise

Ahead of our Anti-Bullying Week (16<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> Nov), each family has been sent a copy of our Anti-Bullying Charter, written by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. The charter includes a definition of bullying and a flow-chart of how bullying is managed at Brooklands.

The children have been introduced to the charter in a whole school assembly this week led by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

This year the week's theme is 'Make a Noise about bullying' and the key aim is to empower our children to make a noise about bullying whether it is something happening to them, to someone else, face to face or online.



## Reading Cafe

Brooklands is introducing half-termly Reading Cafes across the school (see reverse for dates). Christmas themed, Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be sharing their love of reading whilst Key Stage 2 children will be following the theme of newspapers and magazines in their cafe experience.

## September 2016

I will be holding an information evening for parents of children due to start school in September 2016 on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm. If anyone wishes to attend please contact the school for details.

## Welcome to the Team

We are delighted to welcome Kelly Marr (caretaker) and Camilla Holmes (cleaner) who join Team Brooklands. They take on important roles within the team ensuring that the school is clean and ready for use throughout the year.

## Beach School

Many of you took the opportunity at our recent Parents Evening to find out more about our plans to become a Beach School. We now have 2 members of staff fully trained and in the process of establishing a suitable coastal site for our visits. We have also purchased a range of resources to help with this new venture.