

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and here's hoping that 2015 is a happy, productive and successful one for all of our families.

With my attention turning to the new year, I am keen to develop Brooklands as an 'Ideas School' where ideas flourish into creative and innovative changes. At Brooklands we encourage our children to share their ideas through our School Council, pupil questionnaires, whilst members of the Senior Leadership Team journal their ideas in scrap books. One recent idea has culminated in plans to become a Beach School. I am sure that many of you have ideas of how we can develop Brooklands and I am keen to hear about them. If you have any ideas, small or large, please post these in our Suggestion Box near the school office.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy

League Stars

Key Stage 2 results published recently shows how successfully Brooklands is doing. Ranked 8th out of 203 schools in Suffolk. 97% of our children achieved Level 4 or above in reading, writing and maths compared to 79% nationally.

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Gone are the days of a dull school website. If you haven't taken a look recently I would recommend taking a visit where you will find a lot of new content including access to our newsletters as well as curriculum information on what your child is being taught.

Over the next few weeks we will be updating our new Mathematics, Reading and Writing pages to include how you can support your child at home.

BAFTA Nominations

On our school website you will also see a super new Brooklands film which reflects our values are at the "HEART" of everything we do.

The film can be found half-way down our home page and can be viewed on a computer (not i-Pad). We hope that it gives you a flavour of the experiences and opportunities that Brooklands can offer your children and provide a look inside the exciting and fun learning experiences and teaching approaches your children have here at Brooklands.

Have you applied for Free School Meals yet?

From September 2014 all children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 will get a free school meal – regardless of their parents' income.

However, if you are what the government terms 'on a low income', it is important that you still apply for Free School Meals even if your child is in Early Years, Year 1 or Year 2. For every child registered, the school gets a 'Pupil Premium' up to £1,320 per child. This money is invested back in to helping your child achieve their best at school and enables us to provide a wide range of resources and opportunities.

As an incentive to encourage you to apply, (new register entries only) we are offering a £25 book voucher. This voucher will only be given to new Free School Meals children, not to children already on the register.

Please talk to our office staff for further information.

Exceptional Circumstances Clarified

In order to authorise absence in exceptional circumstances, strict guidelines have to be followed. To help clarify the guidelines, an absence is deemed to be 'exceptional' if it is rare, significant, unavoidable and short. By 'unavoidable' we mean that it could not be reasonably scheduled at any other time.