

# parents newsletter



18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Dear Parents

Seasonal excitement is upon us once again and our children have been taking part in a range of Christmas Workshops making decorations from woodland materials and creating their own mud Christmas cakes decorated with moss, twigs, leaves and all number of things.

Reflecting back on 2015 at school we have achieved a great deal from the continued development of our outdoor area and the redevelopment of our Early Years outdoor space, extending our use of the school swimming pool for Years 5 and Year 6 with the introduction of water polo and greater use of our school field at lunch times enabling our children to enjoy a range of sports. We have also welcomed two talented teachers, Cleonie Harris and Sally Collins to Team Brooklands.

Happy Christmas  
**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Website Launch

After much work and anticipation, our new website launches in January. You will see that it has a number of new features which we hope will support parents. In response to feedback from our parents, one of these new features is that the Homepage will take you directly to reminders, diary dates and letters to help you plan your diaries and note key dates more efficiently.

## Club Offerings

In response to parent feedback we have also increased the range of after school clubs we now offer and in the new year we will also be offering clubs in cooking, drama and art.

## Climbing the Tables

I hope that you will share in my delight to see that our Key Stage 2 results reflect all of the hard work by the whole of Team Brooklands in achieving 13<sup>th</sup> place when placed with the whole of Suffolk. Even more impressively, we were 2<sup>nd</sup> highest when compared to schools with a cohort of 30 children. A well deserved cheer to everyone involved!

## Becoming a Teacher

I am delighted to announce that our Teaching Assistants in Year 1 (Natasha) after only a year here at Brooklands has just received the good news that she has been accepted for teacher training (Sept 2016).

Congratulations Natasha, from all of the Team.

## Attendance certificates

At the end of this term I issued 55 certificates for good attendance between September and December 2015.

Congratulations to all those who have achieved 100% attendance this term. I am delighted to be issuing so many certificates in recognition of this achievement.

We appreciate that sometimes your children need to attend medical appointments, but ask that where possible, these are arranged during the school holidays or after school. There is a great deal of evidence to show that regular and consistent attendance makes such a difference to our children's learning.

Thank you to those parents who provide us with copies of medical appointment cards or letters for our records.

## Green Letters

Keep your eyes open for flashes of green as I issue 173 Green letters to all the children who have shown outstanding behaviour over the last half term.

We also have 133 children on track to achieve a Gold letter at the end of the school year. Gold letters are awarded to all the children who have behaved well throughout the year.