

parents newsletter



8th January 2016

Dear Parents

I begin by wishing you all a happy 2016 and very much hope that the year will be a happy, productive and successful one for all our families.

In 2016 we can look forward to further development of the school grounds and the expansion of our science area to include a range of habitats in addition to further refurbishment of the school, including new blinds in the hall area and further flooring renovations in classrooms.

We will be starting weekly gardening sessions in the Spring and also look forward to visits to the seaside as part of establishing ourselves as a Beach School and extending our use of the school swimming pool to include water volley ball in addition to the popular game of water polo. Bring on the warmer weather!

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

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Charity

This year the school will be supporting the Cystic Fibrosis Trust as its chosen charity. One of our children has a younger sibling who has recently been diagnosed with the disease and whilst the family wish to remain anonymous as they are coming to terms with the news, they are happy for us to name the Cystic Fibrosis Trust as our chosen charity for 2016.

Cystic Fibrosis is an inherited, life-shortening disease which currently affects more than 10,000 people in the UK and over the next year our School Council will be putting forward fundraising ideas.



Birdwatch

From 4th January - 12th February Brooklands is taking part in the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch, identifying birds in our school grounds.

New Governor

Congratulations to Katharine Liu who has been elected as our new parent governor. Katharine is parent to Elliott in Duckings and Scarlett in Woodpeckers.

Visit www.brooklandsprimary.co.uk to view our new school website. Features that we hope parents will find useful include: a synchronised calendar, reminders and electronic mailing. You can also download our new APP.

Over the new few weeks we will be updating the site with new photo galleries of experiences your children are enjoying in school.

Have you applied for Free School Meals yet?

Many of you may still not be aware that all children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, regardless of income. However, if you are on what the Government terms '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 is able to apply for a 'Pupil Premium' of up to £1,320 per child. All of this money is invested back in to helping your child achieve and enables us to do a great deal. Please talk to our office staff for further information.

League Tables

Brooklands has been named in the top 1,000 primary schools list for our 2015 results (www.telegraph.co.uk).