

parents newsletter



22nd January 2016

Dear Parents

My thanks go to all of you who were able to attend the Brooklands Friends and Family (BFF) meeting last week and I look forward to seeing many of you at the BFF Quiz Night next Friday. I am delighted to see so many new and exciting events scheduled over the next few months (see reverse) including a car boot sale, and a secondhand uniform sale. Plans are also being made for familiar events such as the Easter Egg Hunt and a repeat of our successful Summer music event later in the year.

BFF have recently purchased a green house to be installed in our gardening area which will be sure to challenge the team's green fingers! Over the next few months BFF funds will enable us to extend our science area to encourage a variety of wildlife for our children to observe. Thank you BFF for providing our children with wonderful, memorable outdoor experiences.

Kind Regards

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Is it a Tower or an Army Base?

Our Early Years children have been using their imagination to create cars, towers and army bases with the use of a range of new outdoor role play equipment including tyres, tubes, crates and large wooden sticks.

New Way to Report Absence

Our new website now includes a pupil absence form for reporting your child's absence before 10.30 am, (for completion on your child's first day of absence).

Alternatively you can still report your child's absence by calling the absentee line 01206 390560 or the school office from 8.30 am.

Reading at home

Children who read outside of class daily are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age (National Literacy Trust, 2011). At Brooklands each week those children who have read at home at least 3 times a week receive a star on the reading Challenge Chart. The class with the most stars gets to choose a book for their class to read.

We encourage all our parents to continue reading with your child throughout their time with us.

Two Times Two

Starting with the 2, 5 and 10 times tables you can support your child by learning these number facts at home. Under Government plans 11 year olds will be tested using an 'on-screen check' in 2017.

Philosophy

Congratulations go to Becky Thompson, Selina Miller, Tracey Clover, Faye Merchant and Lyn Wines for achieving the Society for the Advancement of Philosophical Enquiry and Reflection in Education Level 1 accreditation (SAPERE). Using Philosophy stimulates rich discussions among our children and helps to develop our children's questioning and thinking skills.

Lego-based therapy

A huge £750 raised from the Brantham Garage Sale has been used to purchase items for lego-based therapy. Lego therapy is a structured, group based approach designed to help children learn and practise social skills such as turn-taking, listening, sharing ideas, communication, compromise, problem solving and shared attention.

We have been introducing Lego therapy across Key Stage 1 and 2 and this tremendous donation will pay for Lego kits and training for a member of staff.

Thank you to all those involved in this fund raising event.

