

parents newsletter



11th March 2016

Dear Parents

Our Year 3 and Year 4 production will be taking a journey full of mayhem and mystery as they prepare for their production of Alice in Wonderland next week. Packed with singing, dancing and drama, we are all looking forward to seeing the stage filled with flamingos, packs of cards and a villainous queen.

Continuing the musical theme, we have a great opportunity for our children to learn a musical instrument after Easter. Enjoying music and playing an instrument is something that we often treasure for our entire lives and if your child is interested in piano, flute and oboe, clarinet or saxophone, or recorder ask at the office for details.

Meanwhile, we have also extended the range of clubs we now have on offer this term to include: squash, cooking, art, cheer-leading and drama. We hope that this range of activities will encourage all our children to try something new.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

On the Trail

In support of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust our School Council are organising a coin trail on 24th March. We are encouraging everyone to bring in and donate their loose change to make a trail of coins around the school. So if you have a stash of pennies you keep at home or even some odd change in your pockets, bring it along to the school and helps us raise funds and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis.

2 times 2 is Success

How many of us can remember learning our times tables at school? Evidence shows us that learning our tables are building blocks for other maths topics taught in school and with this in mind, Brooklands is having a big push on learning the times tables. Division, long multiplication, fractions and algebra all need times table knowledge and recall.

Children should know multiplication tables, and the corresponding division facts, up to 12 x 12, by the end of Year 4 and from 2017 our children will be assessed on their times table knowledge when they leave school.

Helping your child practice their tables can make a huge difference to their enjoyment and successful learning. If you would like any help or guidance as to how best to support your child please don't hesitate to ask their class teacher.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Emma-Jane Barrett-Parrott to Team Brooklands. Emma-Jane will be supporting children in Key Stage 1.

2016 National Curriculum Tests – Year 6

Week beginning 9th May we will be administering our Key Stage 2 tests in line with national requirements.

In the new national curriculum, “levels” have been abolished and from 2016 we will be using “scaled scores” to report national test outcomes. In the new scaled score, 100 will represent the “national standard”.

To help with what this means for your child, their results will be reflected in their annual reports as a scaled score and to what extent they have met the national standard for English and mathematics.

2016 National Curriculum Tests – Year 2

We are required to administer Key Stage 1 tests during May. Teacher assessments and whether your child has met the “national standard” for Year 2 will also be included in reports to parents.

Medical Appointment

Where possible, medical appointments need to be after school or in the school holidays. We appreciate that this may not always be possible, but if you do take your child for a medical appointment during school time, we may ask to see proof of this appointment (an appointment card, prescription or even prescribed medicine).