

# parents newsletter



15<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Dear Parents

The excitement around our Summer term is almost palpable as a few warmer days reminds us of what is awaiting our children in a few weeks time. Our amazing Brooklands Friends and Family (BFF) have been working hard in their fund raising efforts and thanks to them, the children can look forward to playtimes on the field enjoying a game of football with their new football goals. Meanwhile in our allotments, the children will be preparing their beds for planting and to help their green fingered efforts we are delighted to also boast a new greenhouse and water butts funded by our BFF.

Many of you will have also noticed our brightly coloured benches adding some eye-popping colour to the playground too, and we will be keen to see how our extended science habitat is received by the local wildlife. Look out for a wormery and bug bench very soon. All of this combined with swimming and performances on our fabulous outdoor stage and you will understand and hopefully share in our Summer anticipation. All we need now is some warm sunshine and I will be digging out my summer heels!

Kind Regards  
**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Beach School

Have you ever considered how those stunning sand sculptures hold together? Your children will soon be finding out as our Early Years will be starting their Beach School visits this term.

As a recognised Beach School, our children will be visiting a local beach and taking part in a range of activities similar to the way in which our children learn from their forest visits. They will be taking part in scavenger hunts, building sand sculptures, making shelters and investigating shoreline creatures. Living as close to the coast as we do we are thrilled to be able to take learning beyond the school grounds and draw from such an inspirational learning environment.



## New Intake 2016/17

The Local Authority will be sending out offers of school places on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

For those starting in September, I will be holding an information session On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. All parents of children due to start school in the autumn are welcome and this is a great chance to find out more about the school day, our curriculum, meet with staff and to answer any questions you may have.

## Do you have a child in Year 2 or Year 6?

Year 2 and Year 6 children will be taking their national curriculum tests (SATs) in May 2016. The tests will provide information about how your child is progressing, compared to others of the same age nationally.

If you are familiar with SATs, you will see that there are changes to the tests this year in both key stages, this is because the tests are based on the new national curriculum which your child has been taught since September 2014.

I am sending you a copy of 'Information for parents: 2016 national curriculum tests' for Year 2 and Year 6 parents to help further explain about SATs and what you can expect to see.

## Cystic Fibrosis

Following the coin trail around the school hall our School Council raised a magnificent £410 for their chosen charity.

Coming up, we will also be taking part in the Cystic Fibrosis Trust's 'Wear Yellow Day' on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Getting involved couldn't be simpler and more fun, all you need to do is wear something that is yellow. So whether it is your favourite yellow tie or a sneaky Big Bird costume you just happen to have tucked at the back of a wardrobe, 1<sup>st</sup> July is going to be our yellow day.