

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

As we have just finished our May SATs some of you may be wondering why it is so important to test our children at this point in their education.

SATS (Standard Assessment Tests) tests are key to preparing our children for their next stage of education on to high school. We know from experience that the learning behaviours they foster in doing SATs such as determination, resilience and focussed work are vital elements in ensuring that our children are "secondary school ready". We also know that the biggest predictor of success at GCSE is whether our children have mastered the basics by age 11. You may be surprised to know that according to Department of Education figures, of the 100,000 children who fail to reach the expected standard in English and maths at 11, only 7% went on to gain five good GCSEs including those two subjects, compared with 72% who made the grade at the end of primary school. The statistics are so significant that the Government plans for children who leave primary school without the expected literacy and maths skills, to resit the SATs test in Year 7.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Teachers

Inspired by our Beach School status, this year our children will be naming their classes after sealife creatures.

We are delighted to welcome some new teachers to Team Brooklands. Lily Loveday and Stephen Hawthorne are both Newly Qualified Teachers. Lily Loveday will be in to meet her new class and parents on 27th June and Stephen Hawthorne on the 29th June.

Early Years	Megan Glazin
Year 1	Lily Loveday
Year 2	Cleonie Harris
Year 3	Becky Thompson
Year 4	Stephen Hawthorne
Year 5	Mike Waddell/Marie Hunting
Year 6	Pippa Cresdee

Times Tables

How many of us can remember the challenge of learning their times tables at school?

In their recent SATs, our Year 2 and Year 6 children were able to confidently demonstrate how they are able to apply their multiplication knowledge to other aspects of mathematics such as division, fractions and algebra.

Under the National Curriculum children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4 and from next year all of our children in Year 6 will also be tested using an 'on-screen check'.

Practice is so important, so from next half term we will be starting the school day with an opportunity for children in all classes to review their times table knowledge with an adult and we will also be introducing some new certificates for achievements in this area.

Development in Brantham

Many of you may have heard that planning permission for residential development in Brantham has recently been approved and in response to this Brooklands will be working with the Local Authority to prepare for the impact on the school and I will keep you informed.

Reading

One of my annual pleasures at school is purchasing new resources and encouraging our children to learn good writing skills from some of the amazing new books available each year. I am pleased to report that we have recently purchased a wide selection of exciting new fiction books for Year 6.

Who could this Anglo-Saxon be?

Take a moment to check out some of our fabulous photographs from recent school trips in the Gallery on our school website.

