

# parents newsletter



9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school term. I am delighted to welcome all our new children and their families. It is also great to see so many Sea turtles with beaming faces enjoying their first week at school.

This year Brooklands will be 'Spreading the Happiness' and as part of this we will be featuring a number of smile packed 'ShaBangs' for our children and families to join in with on the playground at the start and end of the school day. Designed specifically to lift our spirits and make you feel good, they will feature dancing, music and fun. I look forward to your help and ideas as well as participation.

I have enjoyed speaking with many parents new to the school and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can also contact your class teacher(s) for help with any queries.

Kind Regards  
**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Information sessions

Brooklands offers a wide range of information sessions which are a really good way to find out more about what and how your children are being taught in addition to how you can support your children's learning at home. Take a look at the back of this newsletter for some of the sessions coming up soon.

## Topic

Class topic information will be made available from next week. Take a look and see what your child will be learning in order to help support and encourage them at home. We have some sensational topics coming up including Weather, France, Mexico and the Vikings.

## Punctuality

Getting to school on time can often be a challenge but we know from experience how important it is for our children to have a settled and timely start to their day. This means that children need to line up at 8.55am on the playground with their class teacher.

## Reading Stars

From Monday any of our children who read at home at least 3 times a week will get a star on their class Reading Challenge Chart. The class with the most stars at the end of the week will get to choose a new book for their class.

## ClassDoJo

Over the next few days we will be introducing our new behaviour system across the school which we hope will keep you more involved in supporting your child's behaviour. More details to follow shortly.

## Congratulations

In recognition of their skills and achievements I am delighted to share with you that Megan Glazin (recently promoted to our Assistant Headteacher) and Pippa Wake have achieved the National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership.

Together with Gill McFarland, Megan has also successfully achieved her Beach School leader accreditation meaning that our Sea turtles can now look forward to learning at the beach and we can offer continued visits for our Seals.

## Team Brooklands

We are delighted to welcome Katharine Liu, Keeley Adams and Becky Hammond to Team Brooklands. They take on important roles supporting our children through their school day.

## Get involved

Many of the amazing achievements we have here at Brooklands have been helped by the hard work of parents and volunteers. Parent and volunteer involvement is fundamental to the learning and experiences of our children at Brooklands and as we begin a new term I would like to invite parents who are interested in offering their time to hear children read or work with us to get in touch again. Your assistance makes a huge difference to the school and our children. If you are interested please let our office staff know.

There will be an information session for volunteers on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm. Packs are also available.