

parents newsletter



10th February 2017

Dear Parents

I imagine that most Headteachers want their school to feel warm, welcoming and calm places where their children are happy and purposeful in their learning and we try hard to achieve this but ultimately, achieving this takes a special attitude. An attitude that permeates throughout a school community. From Liz encouraging us all to remember please and thank you as she serves our lunches to our Lunchtime staff encouraging our children to say sorry. Small things perhaps, but it is this shared attitude of kindness, appreciation and respect at Brooklands that contributes to the frequent comments made to me from visitors who say that our children 'were respectful, attentive and a real credit to the school' and 'one of the best schools they have visited'.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Say 'Yes' to the Vouchers

Sainsbury's are offering shoppers the opportunity to collect Active Kids vouchers until 2nd May 2017. Ask your family and friends to donate their vouchers to help us get new sports and cooking equipment.



Together We Can Spell

Learning Together this term will be focused on helping you to support your child with spelling. We will be showing you some spelling strategies you can use at home with your child.

2017 National Curriculum Tests

We are holding information sessions for Year 2 and Year 6 parents on the national tests (see reverse for dates). The tests will provide information about how your child is progressing. There will be the opportunity for you to learn about the expected standards.

Medical Appointments

We appreciate that it is not always possible to arrange appointments outside of school times. But if you do need to 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 prescription medicine) for our records.

Miss to Mrs

Miss Harris will be returning to Brooklands after half-term as Mrs Ward following her wedding to Jack. She was taken aback by all the kind gestures she received and has asked me to pass on her thanks to everyone.

Dophins look out for a photograph on ClassDojo of their special day.

Awards Season

Congratulations to those children who were awarded a limited edition badge on the Student Story on ClassDojo. I hope you have shared and celebrated this achievement with your child.

Specialist Leader in Education

Pippa Wake has recently been recruited as a Specialist Leader in Education (SLE). SLE are outstanding teachers who have a record of school improvement behind them. We are delighted that Pippa will be providing school-to-school support and sharing her expertise with us.

Mud Faces

I hope many of you will enjoy taking part in the Mud Face Challenge. Use bright flowers, nuts and berries, sticks and twigs, fuzzy bits of moss and other natural treasures to turn a mud patty into a face. Let your imagination run free!

Times tables

Thank you to those parents who are supporting their children at home. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know up to their 12 times table.