

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

When we reflect back on our days in school it is hard to imagine how much technology would transform our lives. Technology affects how we shop, socialise, connect, play, and most importantly learn and with its increasing presence in our lives it only makes sense to maximise the use of technology in the classroom.

Here at Brooklands, following our intensive investment in technology across the school in recent years, we are transforming how our children learn. I have been thrilled by the creativity and imagination of our Starfish in creating their animations using Scratch. Our Pufferfish have been using our new iPads to make videos whilst our Narwhals have been using the Garageband app to compose their own music tracks.

Most notably, we are also harnessing technology to involve you more in what's going on in school through ClassDojo. Who would have thought a generation ago, that we would be sharing the excitement with our Sea Turtles as they eagerly anticipate the hatching of their clutch of duck eggs?

Best wishes
Christine Davy
Headteacher

In Year Applications

Do you know of families moving into the area who would like to come to us? We currently have a limited number of places in Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6.

For information on how they can apply for their child to join Brooklands during the school year (in-year applications) please contact School Admissions at admissions@suffolk.gov.uk or call 0345 600 0981.

Fairer Funding for Suffolk Children

Many of you will be aware of the crippling budget cuts proposed in the government's school funding reforms. Headteachers across Suffolk are informing parents about these changes and the significant impact these will have on our schools.

If you, like us, are concerned I encourage you to take a few moments to email your local MP, James Cartlidge at james.cartlidge.mp@parliament.uk with your views.

The Classroom Solution

Responding to the needs of all pupils in a classroom requires skill and high quality teaching. At Brooklands we work hard to differentiate lessons and address challenges for all our children within the classroom. We know from experience that accurate assessment, personalised teaching and targeted support in the classroom provides an effective and lasting solution, responding to the unique needs of each of our children without the disruption of an external intervention.

Punctuality Is Important

It is great to see so many children arriving in the playground before 8.55am. Arriving on time also provides you with the chance for you to talk to your child's class teacher if you need to.

Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)

As Brooklands is working towards developing and strengthening our parent partnerships it seemed an ideal opportunity to combine this with the LPPA. Our final verification visit is scheduled is for 28th June 2017.

What Have You Learnt Today?

We learn a lot from our parents and it is a wonderful gift for our children to let them see us learning new things. If you are learning something at the moment why not share it with us through a picture we can display in school. Perhaps you have run a race for the first time or are learning an instrument, maybe you have tried something new, whatever it is, it would be great to display these alongside our children's learning in school.

Times Tables

Thanks to the time and effort you are taking to support you child at home with learning their times tables we are seeing real progress in this area. It is lovely seeing their enthusiasm and delight when they can recall their facts.

We know that their times tables are a very important part of mathematical knowledge which extends to their long multiplication and long division. Together we are succeeding.

Schools Minister Nick Gibb has confirmed the times table check will now go ahead from 2018/2019.