

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

We are never too old to stop learning and here at Brooklands we hold this very close to our HEART. Sharing what we are learning and in turn, learning from others is an important part of how we are able to continue to innovate and improve as a school and enhance the experiences our children have.

During this summer term Megan Glazin will be sharing our Early Years practice with other schools including Kersey Primary School and preparing for visitors keen on finding out more about what is involved in being a Beach School. Megan and Lily Loveday are participating in a project with other Ipswich Schools (Sidegate Primary School, Cliff Lane Primary School) to explore ways to support children's transition from Early Years in to Year 1. Meanwhile, Pippa Wake will be supporting other Year 6 teachers with moderation of writing and Lily will be visiting Sidegate Primary School and St Johns Primary school in Ipswich, finding out more about how other Year 1 teachers are using their skills to great effect. A busy and inspiring term ahead.

Best wishes,
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Attendance Policy

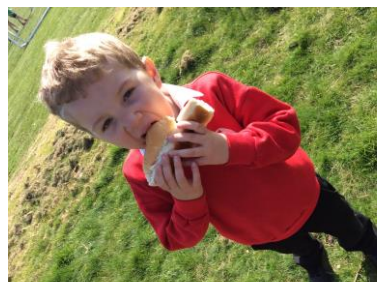
I am enclosing our updated Attendance Policy for your information.

For those not familiar with the policy, can I remind parents that requests for leave of absence are at the discretion of the headteacher. It is also, no longer permitted by law for parents to take their children out of school for reasons that they are not able to take leave at other times.

Requests for leave now need to be made in person to the headteacher and appointments can be made via the School Office. Please also note that penalty notices may be issued after 2 sessions.

Where's my Hot dog?

This week our Early Years children have enjoyed cooking hot dogs on a camp fire. In applying real life contexts to their learning, the children were thrilled to be cooking through role play how they would shop for all their ingredients including the obligatory tomato ketchup!



SATs

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent information sessions for Year 2 and Year 6. Many parents commented how helpful it had been to look at test materials and gain an understanding of the expected standards for their child's year group as well as suggestions how to support their child at home.

News from the North

It is lovely to hear updates from Sally Collins from north of the border. It has now been 3 weeks since Sally Collins moved to Scotland and she has sent us updates and photographs informing us of her activities. Last week she was in the Cairngorm mountains – close to where she lives. Covered in snow, she shared this lovely selfie with us.

She has also been exploring the River Findhorn situated behind her house and popular with fisherman and kayakers. She hopes to climb Ben Rinnes soon.



Dens

As the Easter break approaches, I hope that many of you will enjoy building dens. Whether it is in the garden, woods or at the beach they can be a great place to eat your Easter eggs, read a book or play with your friends

Why not take a picture and send it to us to display at school:

photographs@brooklandsprimary.co.uk

Clubs

Look out for some new clubs starting after half-term. There will be exciting new sports clubs including tennis and basketball.