

parents newsletter



5th May 2017

Dear Parents

Throughout the next few weeks our children will be ticking things on their '50 things to do before you leave Brooklands' list. Along with growing beans and potatoes they will be enjoying their crops in a few weeks time and celebrating the chance to tick off 'eating something they have grown'. Our Pufferfish have been learning how to ride their bicycles and be safe as part of Bikeability, whilst our Narwhals and Pufferfish will also be visiting the Wolsey Theatre to take part in drama workshops.

Our Pufferfish and Narwhals have been busy ticking off their swimming challenge at the Hadleigh swimming pool and will be building their confidence and skills further in our pool here at school over the coming months. Meanwhile, live music will be ringing out at our Brooklands Friends and Family Summer music event and our Sea turtles will be heading off 'to the beach' when they visit Wrabness. The summer term is a great time and promises many new experiences for all our children.

Best wishes
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Medical Appointments

Please remember that we are required to see evidence if your child has a medical appointment and needs to take time away from school. Absence may not be authorised without sufficient evidence.

School Expansion

Brooklands' leadership team and governing body have been working closely with the Local Authority's Infra-Structure team and architects to plan for the future expansion of the school. In response to the proposed housing development we are planning for the needs of the school and the community and will keep you updated on progress as we go.

Sickness Absence

The Education Welfare Officer (EWO) has identified that Brooklands has a higher proportion of children who are persistently absent and missing school lessons than other schools in the area. We have been given advice by the EWO that we must challenge children who are persistently absent from school and unauthorise absence where appropriate.

We know that missing lessons has a big impact on children's learning and it is for this reason that where children have had 5 days sickness absence the school will get in touch to see how we can support their return to the school and help minimise time away.

Bringing our Curriculum to Life

We were delighted to welcome children's author Elys Dolan, author and illustrator of 'Mr Bunny's Chocolate Factory' to school this week.

ClassDojo

Thank you to the 45 parents who took the time to complete the online survey. Key findings from the survey will be shared in our next newsletter.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go out to Becky Thompson who has been offered a promotion in Essex. During Becky's 4 years with us at Brooklands she has embraced opportunities and taken on new roles and responsibilities which have helped her achieve this next step in her teaching career. I hope you join me in congratulating Becky.

We will be advertising for a teacher to join us in September. As soon as we have made an appointment teaching arrangements for Key Stage 2 will be clarified.

Face to Face

ClassDojo is a great way for teachers to communicate with parents but if you would like a face to face meeting with your class teacher you can also make an appointment with the office or speak to your child's teacher on the playground before or after school.

Key Stage 2 SATs

We wish all of our Year 6 children well with their SATs next week.

New Intake Evening

We are looking forward to meeting our new parents to the school soon and giving out new book bags for all our September starters.