

parents newsletter



8th September 2017

Dear Parents

I am delighted to report that thanks to a great deal of hard work over the holiday period we have been able to secure a new forest site at Pattle's Fen in Brantham. As you will be aware, developing our Forest School status and all the benefits outdoor learning brings for our children, has been a big priority for me throughout my time at Brooklands and I am thrilled that this will continue. The site is also based just ten minutes walk away from the school.

Thank you to everyone who offered encouragement and supported me in finding this new and fabulous site and for all their work getting things moving so quickly ensuring that Brooklands remains a Forest School. In recognition of the support we have received from the Woodland Trust we will be supporting them as our chosen charity this year. Over the coming weeks we will be completing all the necessary paperwork and hope to start Forest School visits before the middle of October.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Helping Your Children Learn at Home

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.

From Mountains to Megacities

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 great topics coming up from the weather to mountains, megacities and the Vikings.

Getting involved

Many of the amazing achievements we have here at Brooklands have been realised with the hard work of parents and volunteers. If you are interested in offering your time to work with us we would love to hear from you. Get in touch with the office staff and let them know.

We are also holding an information session for new and existing volunteers on 13th September at 2:45pm. Why not come along and/or pick up an information pack.

Reading

Following the successful implementation of Accelerated Reader in Year 5 and Year 6 we will be extending its use into Year 3 and Year 4 this year. We have recently purchased a large selection of new books and all of our library books have now been organised by Accelerated Reader banding.

Mud Room

It is great to see our school Mud Room beginning to take shape. There is now a new waterproof floor making it ideal for changing out of soggy clothes and wellies after visits to the Forest and outdoor adventures. Brooklands Friends and Family have also worked hard to fund a changing area, additional storage and waterproof soft furnishings to add to the new facilities.

Thanks to the new storage we will also be able to store our resources for both Forest and Beach school equipment.

Challenging Statistics

Around 25% of all primary schools in the UK at the moment are struggling to recruit a single male teacher which shows how exceptionally fortunate Brooklands is to have Harry Legg, Charlie Goddard and Mike Waddell as key members of our teaching team. Alex Hosking also joins us this year as a Teaching Assistant.

It is vitally important for our children that they benefit from positive role models and with the skills and talents our new staff bring to Brooklands, we are able to bring another dimension to our children's learning experience.

Wellbeing Award

Recognising the importance of wellbeing and mental health from a young age, Brooklands will be working towards the Wellbeing Award for Schools.