

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

How many of us embrace change and enjoy trying something new? Here at Brooklands we positively encourage our children to try new things. Trying new things often requires courage and forces us to grow and develop. Entire careers and life paths are carved out by us dipping our toes into the small ponds of new experience and discovering a love for something we had no idea would capture our imaginations and passion.

All of our children this term will be trying new things from nature photography to abseiling, learning the clarinet to aeroball. Even I have been trying boxercise at the gym, which is a site to behold!

As part of National Fitness Day next week we are also launching Tchoukball at lunch times and introducing pedometers to capture all of the activity.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Talented Teachers

We are delighted to be joined this year by Charlie Goddard, Harry Legg and Rhian Brighton, all of whom come with special skills and talents. It is always a great pleasure for me personally to be able to support and develop talented teachers.

In the coming year Rhian will be leading science and design and technology across the whole school and Charlie and Harry will be actively involved in sharing their knowledge and skills.

Is my child too ill for school?

When your child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them off school. Not every illness needs to keep your child from school. Using this NHS guide can help you make that judgement:

- **Cough and cold.** A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better.
- **Headache.** A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP.
- **Sore throat.** A sore throat doesn't have to keep a child from school. But if it's accompanied by a raised temperature, your child should stay at home.

If your child requires the school to administer medicine during the school day, this can be easily arranged by completing a form authorising this, which can be obtained from the school office.

Sporting Role Models

Over the last few weeks Brooklands staff have been sharing their sporting interests with our children. From Alex Hoskings running the Great North Run to Charlie Goddard playing football for Brantham, our children are being inspired.

If any of you have a sporting achievement you can share we would love to hear from you. Perhaps you have taken part in a charity cycle race or in a marathon of some kind, whatever your sporting achievement, share how you pushed yourself to achieve. Share photographs, medals and certificates. Cleonie Ward would love to hear from you.

New Face

We are delighted to welcome a new face to the team. Claire Le Roy joined the office team at Brooklands this week.

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Brooklands will be holding an information evening for parents of children due to start school in September 2018 on 18th October at 6.00pm. If anyone wishes to attend or would like a tour of the school please contact the office for details.

Homework

Homework will be starting next week. The school has purchased a number of new online programmes including Cracking Comprehension and Times Tables Rock Stars. These programmes will enable the children to get immediate feedback on how they have done as well as inform the class teacher on progress they have made.