

# parents newsletter



26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents

You play a vital role in the successful running of our school and I am pleased to announce that I will be introducing a dynamic, new role for parents to get involved with the school. These new roles will be pivotal in supporting your children's class, teacher and parents and will integrate parent contributions, engage parents and build supportive networks within the school. Brooklands' Ambassadors, as they will be known, will be advocates for the school and take an important role in supporting the wonderful work that is being done in each class throughout the breadth of the school.

If you are interested in becoming part of this exciting new team of Brooklands' Ambassadors or would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you and I will be holding a meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm to share our vision and aims for the role in more detail.

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Science Outside the Classroom

Brooklands has recently been awarded a £2,885 grant from the Ernest Cook Trust. This grant will fund an outdoor learning project linked to science. Rhian Brighton will be leading this project which we hope will support us in making effective use of our school grounds.

## Brooklands Friends and Family

Brooklands Friends and Family (BFF) plays a huge part in the life of Brooklands, providing fun activities for our families from discos to quiz nights. BFF works hard each year to raise money for school projects and items for the school that might not otherwise be funded or possible. Most recently enabling us to develop our wonderful "Mud Room" which provides a hardworking space for our children to kick off their muddy boots and forest suits after outdoor adventures.

Thank you to everyone for their support and hard work.



## Taking Time to Talk

In nearly all cases, your class teacher is the best person to contact or talk to if you have any concerns. You can also contact your Key Stage leader (Megan Glazin or Lara Fiddaman). Please don't hesitate to make an appointment through the school office if you wish to discuss something with us.

## Why are Deserts Dry?

This term our Learning Togethers are themed around our current topics in history and geography: Why are jungles so wet and deserts so dry? How do volcanoes affect the lives of people? How is climate change affecting the world? The creative, imaginative curriculum that Brooklands offers provides a wonderful vehicle for pupils' learning across many subjects and as a result, our children achieve very well and show a breadth and depth of understanding across the wider curriculum that shines out. Learning Together sessions are a great way to find out more about the innovative way Brooklands is bringing learning alive for our children.

## 11+ 2019 Intake

Registration for the 11+ exam is from 5<sup>th</sup> June to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Tests will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. For more information on how to register and for familiarisation papers please visit the CSSE website ([www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk)).

## Finding New Talent

We had an exceptionally good response to our recent recruitment initiative, receiving 17 applications. Many of those who applied came to see the school first hand and commented on the children and the exceptional learning environment we offer at Brooklands.

I will be able to update you soon on appointments as they are made. I will also be updating you later in the Summer term regarding teaching arrangements for September 2018.