

parents newsletter



20th April 2018

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that Charlie Goddard, Harry Legg and Rhian Brighton have been with Team Brooklands almost a year now. Rhian has thoroughly enjoyed teaching Year 5 and it is reassuring that they have been able to benefit from her stability, talent and creativity over the past year. For Charlie and Harry, this year will mean the successful completion of their induction year in teaching. During this time we have seen them grow and develop into popular and talented teachers who are having a significant impact on the wider school. They will also be completing their Forest School training with us over the next few months and starting to think about their subject specialisms in readiness for the coming academic year.

Similar to Lily Loveday last year, Harry and Charlie have also played an instrumental role in our teacher recruitment for September, introducing candidates to the school and sharing their experiences as new teachers. With their help we have we have successfully appointed new teachers to our team.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Exciting Beginnings

30 new faces will be joining Brooklands this September. They will be spending time in their new classroom with their first teacher, Megan Glazin. We have three exciting afternoons planned for them to spend in school with Megan to help them settle in (see reverse for dates).

I am pleased to say that Brooklands was once again over subscribed this year, meaning that we had more applications to join the school than places available. We have a few places available in other classes in the school but our entry intake is full. This reflects the amazing work taking place at Brooklands and the warm welcome visitors to the school receive.

On Tuesday 1st May at 6pm I will be holding an information evening for all parents of children due to start school in the autumn. This is a great chance to find out more about the school day, our curriculum, meet with staff and to answer any questions you may have. Parents will receive a wallet of information documents in addition to a bookbag of items for their child.

175 Days

There are 190 school days in an academic year, leaving 175 days free for families.

Please remember that Headteachers are not permitted to grant leave of absence on school days unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you need to take time out of school for any reason please contact the school to arrange an appointment to make a request for permission.

Any leave that is not authorised has to be marked in the school register as an unauthorised absence and this may result in a penalty notice of £60 (rising to £120) per a parent per child.

Bench Work

You may be surprised to hear that our Early Years has recently installed a new wood work bench for the children to use. Over recent weeks the children have been enjoying drilling, sawing, hammering nails and learning new skills. It is important that children have the opportunity to take reasonable risks in their learning.



Pond Regeneration

Our pond has recently undergone a fantastic regeneration project funded jointly by the school and Brooklands Friends and Family. Do take a look when you are next in school and see if you can spot the frogspawn.

