

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

This is the first newsletter I have written since Brooklands became part of Orwell Multi Academy Trust (OMAT) and as you will see, there is little change. Brooklands Primary School is first and foremost a community school and this brings together many partnerships to offer a range of support and opportunities to our children. Our recent conversion to academy status has seen governors, parents and staff join together and communicate directly more than any other time I can recall in my time at Brooklands and it has been extremely heartening to see how strong the school is. Some of those strengths are reflected in my news below.

I am certain that joining Orwell Multi Academy Trust will bring new opportunities for joint working with other schools in our community in addition to those we already work with. With these partnerships will come new freedoms and the chance to work and learn together in a strong and expanded learning community.

Kind Regards  
**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Stepping Stones

Congratulations to Alex Hosking who has been offered a place on teacher training beginning this September. We have very much appreciated having Alex with us and will be sad to see him go, but this is a great opportunity for him. Whilst at Brooklands he has established a running club, supported learning across the school and taken part in our Year 5 residential to Grafham Water. We wish him the very best in this stepping stone in his career.

## Raising the Bar Awards 2018

I am extremely proud to announce that this year Brooklands has been shortlisted as finalists in 3 categories of the Raising the Bar Awards. The Awards recognise and celebrate excellence across education in Suffolk.

Alexander Folkard-Willis is a finalist in the Inspirational Young Person of the Year category. As part of his family team, Alexander supports the care of his younger sister. At school and on the sports field, Alexander leads the way academically and athletically.

Lyn Wines is a finalist in the Support Staff of the Year category. Lyn has been a huge part of Team Brooklands for 25 years supporting children, teachers and families.

Alison Cole is also a finalist in the Outstanding Contribution as a volunteer. Alison became our Chair of Governors 10 months ago and has made a significant contribution to the success of the school in addition to the wellbeing of staff.

## Building Relationships

I am pleased to announce the teaching arrangements from September designed to support the transition of our children at Brooklands on to their next year.

Early Years: Megan Glazin  
Year 1: Grace Glanvill  
Year 2: Harry Legg  
Year 3: Melissa Payne  
Year 4: Jasmin Clarke  
Year 5: Charlie Goddard  
Year 6: Rhian Brighton

We hope that this will enable our children to begin to build up a relationship with their new class teacher.

## Growing Potential

One of Brooklands huge strengths is our ability to support and develop leading teachers of the future. Our skills in doing this are recognised nationally with many of our Newly Qualified Teachers securing senior leadership positions within 5 years of joining the profession.

As Charlie Goddard and Harry Legg successfully near the completion of their induction year they are being supported to develop their skills and confidence within the profession and most recently undertook their Forest Leader Level 3 qualification. Harry and Charlie will also be mentoring two of our Newly Qualified Teachers from September as well as jointly leading PE across the school.