

parents newsletter



2nd July 2018

Dear Parents

Three of our teachers, Harry Legg, Charlie Goddard and Rhian Brighton have been with us a year. How that year has passed and how quickly each has become an integral part of our team here at Brooklands. As three new teachers join us in September, Harry, Charlie and Rian's experiences will be invaluable in helping to shape and inform our new team members' experiences of the school.

Staff across the school, in our recent survey, commented on what an exceptionally strong and supportive team we have at Brooklands and how hard the leadership team work to effectively "uphold high standards and create a supportive and innovative learning environment" that "everybody enjoys". Our new team members will soon be contributing their own new ideas, mixed experiences, enthusiasm, energy and skills specialisms to the school and emerging themselves in our creative and aspirational culture and I very much look forward to supporting their development and professional growth.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Success for Early Years

An impressive 80% of our children have reached a Good Level of Development at the end of Early Years. This continues our rising trend from 57% in 2014 and remains above the national figure.

Pieces of a Jigsaw

This term we are implementing a new PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) programme across our school using a resource called "Jigsaw".

Units titled 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me' will form part of our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) programme this Summer and for our youngest children this sees our children learning correct terminology for body parts and doing the foundation work for learning that will follow in later year groups. Meanwhile our Year 5 and 6 will look more fully at puberty and reproduction.

Essex 11+ Selection Test 2019

From Tuesday 5th June parents can register for the 11+ tests by post or online by referring to the CSSE website: www.csse.org.uk The deadline date for entries is Friday 20th July.

Parents should receive their test centre letter by post from the CSSE by Friday 7th September ahead of the main 11+ day scheduled for Saturday 22nd September.

OMAT Spotlight

Recently I spent a full day with other leaders at Springfield Infants School conducting a Peer Review. The visit involved me evaluating evidence and identifying areas for improvement for learning and development across the school.

During my time at Springfield I was particularly impressed with the children's behaviour around school and how welcoming they were to visitors. I was particularly interested in their involvement in the Oracy Project which develops children's language skills especially as this is something that Brooklands has been researching and reviewing.

Listening to Your Views

As it comes towards the end of the year we would like to gather some feedback on the changes to home learning that we have made this year. We have a short 10 question survey available online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PSDVNQX> which I would be very grateful if you could find the time to complete.

In Red-iness

Red school jumpers are now available to order in readiness for September and I am attaching a copy of the order form with the newsletter for you to purchase uniform.