

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

As this academic year draws to a close it brings to mind the many things we have had to celebrate at Brooklands in 2017/18. The past year has been full of activity and memorable events including: Team Brooklands welcoming Charlie Goddard, Harry Legg and Rhian Brighton. We also welcomed Alison Cole as our new Chair of Governors. We became an academy joining Orwell Multi-Academy Trust. Outcomes at the end of Early Years and Key Stage 1 as well as in phonics shone out above national figures for another year. We became the only school in Suffolk to be finalists in 3 separate categories in education's Raising the Bar Awards 2018. Both Megan Glazin and I have been awarded key roles supporting Suffolk Education to raise standards in other schools. I am also pleased that all classes were able to visit our new Forest School site at Pattles Fen in addition to making the most of our outdoor space including the recently rejuvenated pond area and development of our on site woodland.

I am sure that next year will bring continued success as new children and parents join us along with new teachers and governors. I wish you all a good summer break and look forward to sharing 2018/19 with you.

Kind Regards  
**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Can You Spot a Brooklands' Learner?

Our Year 5 children have recently been considering 'What makes a Brooklands' learner?' Together they have identified a list of important features: Up for a challenge, hard working, imaginative, reflective. When you visit next term, take a closer look at their new classroom posters.

## School Day

Just a reminder of the changes to the school day with effect from September:

School start time: 8.50am  
End of school day: 3.15pm (Early Years and Key Stage 1)  
3.20pm (Key Stage 2)

## Phonics Success

90% of children in Year 1 achieved the expected standard in the phonics screening check. Taking us once again, above the national figure.

## Capturing Achievements

Following the success of learning journals, next year we will be extending their use into Key Stage 2 with teachers evidencing children's learning through photographs and notes. They are a great way to log our children's achievements in more practical subjects such as physical education, music, science and design technology.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Our children have recently received details of this Summer's Reading Challenge. With the interesting theme of Mischief Makers, the challenge has been designed to encourage your child to read a minimum of 6 library books of their choice from the fabulous range on offer in our local libraries.

## Everyone Went Down to The Wood!

All classes have now visited our new Forest School site at Pattles Fen. We can now look forward to more regular visits throughout next year with Grace Glanvill, Charlie Goddard and Harry Legg completing their Forest Leader training. Forest School dates will be announced next term.

## OMAT Spotlight

Congratulations to Anna Hennell James (CEO of Orwell Multi Academy Trust who has been accredited as a National Leader of Education (NLE). This is a huge achievement and recognises her exceptional school leadership and experience of effectively supporting schools in challenging circumstances.

Halifax Primary School has also been awarded Teaching School Status (Orwell Teaching School) in recognition of its high-quality teacher training.