

parents newsletter



5th October

Dear Parents

The purpose of education is to help our children become the best version of themselves and become more capable than when they started with us. At Brooklands we work exceptionally hard to develop our curriculum in a vibrant and engaging way to enable our children to acquire both knowledge and skills to help them fulfil their potential. For example, we want pupils to not just learn key dates in history but be able to learn how to construct arguments and balance evidence alongside this knowledge. To help us do this we use supportive programmes such as Maths Inspire, Connected Geography and Jigsaw PSE for example. In developing this carefully interwoven approach to our curriculum we are dynamically crafting learning into something that goes way beyond what many of us may have experienced in our own educations into something that is engaging and interesting for our children, building a richly sequenced and thoroughly assessed educational experience. Our goal is to develop a love for learning and openness to a magical world of wonder. Whether it is digging your toes into a sandy beach, or an adventure in our woodland from these experiences begins a lifetime of learning and discovery.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Broken Weeks

We know from research and experience how irregular school attendance seriously disrupts children's continuity of learning as well as links with underachievement, broken attendance can also unsettle friendship groups. Broken attendance may not always appear to be significant but patterns of absence (even small ones) can trigger action by the Local Authority relating to something termed "broken weeks".

As a school we work closely with parents and the Education Welfare Officer to avoid 'broken weeks' and the impact this can have on our children.

Learning Together

This term Learning Together will be focussing on how you can support your child in developing fluency in number facts.

Number Facts form the building blocks for your child's higher-level mathematics which are the skills such as adding and subtracting larger numbers, telling time, counting money, measurement as well as long multiplication and division.

Mastering number facts makes learning the next level of concepts significantly easier and faster for your child.

September 2019

Brooklands will be holding an information evening on 16th October at 6:00pm for parents with children hoping to start school in September 2019. If anyone wishes to attend or would like a tour of the school please contact the school for details.

You can now apply online for a school place at www.suffolk.gov.uk. Applications need to be made by 15th January 2019.

Reading at Home

Home learning begins next week. We are looking for parents to help support an increased emphasis on reading. Developing a passion for reading is crucial to your child's success and will help them progress through primary school, into secondary school and into their later life.

With the support of Brooklands Friends and Family we are very pleased to have added a substantial new stock of non-fiction books especially chosen to engage our children.

Home School Agreement

This week I am accompanying the newsletter with our Home School Agreement which explains how we can all work together to help our children.