

# parents newsletter



7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents

Many visitors to Brooklands comment on the amazing team of people we have here and it is one of those things that I take great pride in but also love being part of. Over the years with the support of the leadership team, I have worked hard to build and develop this special school into the flag ship that it is but at the heart of the school is a collection of amazing individuals with unique skills and qualities who share an emotional connection to Brooklands and a desire to make your children's learning the best experience it can be. Anyone taking a peek inside our staffroom at break times will get a visible sense of how much the team gets on and enjoys working with each other. From the line up of coffee cups with one team member pouring water, another milk and another adding sugar to the human chain passing the mugs along to each recipient or to our staff board filled with plans of social events, the banter and laughs shared over personal stories or celebrations, to the walls covered in a montage of Brooklands sayings like "love it" and "Let's do this". One thing shines out, collectively we share a strong Brooklands culture but individually that culture is personal!

Kind Regards  
**Christine Davy**

## Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2018 is being held between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November. This year our theme will be 'Choose Respect'. The aims of this week are to support schools to help children, staff and parents to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online



## Wellbeing in Schools Award

Feelings of wellbeing are fundamental to our overall health, enabling us to successfully overcome difficulties and achieve what we want out of life. Brooklands is taking the lead in this important area within schools and working towards the Wellbeing in Schools Award. For both children and staff, the award has a focus on changing the long-term culture of a school and embedding an ethos where mental health is regarded as the responsibility of all.

## Behaviour Policy

We have recently updated our Behaviour Policy and it is on our school website and available to view.

## New Intake 2018/2019

If you have a child starting school in September, you can now apply online for a school place at [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk). Applications need to be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

If you would like to arrange a tour of the school please contact the school office.

## Putting the Fun into Fundraising

If you have an idea for raising funds for the school we would like to hear about it.

Whether it is something on your own or with a group of friends or as a class, please have a chat about it with your child's class teacher. Whether you're looking to throw a disco, quiz or bake every pound you raise will help support Brooklands. It's a great way to get behind supporting the school. We're particularly keen for new ideas....

## School Expansion

Members of the school's leadership team will be attending the Consultation Event on November 6<sup>th</sup> for an update on the planned housing development in Brantham. Brooklands is working alongside the Local Authority to plan for expansion.