

Dear all,

Welcome to the final weekly update of the half term.

It's been a great week at Brooklands this week. The Shakespeare festival has gone really well and the children have really enjoyed the visits from the professional acting companies. There were plenty of laughs all round! We are really grateful to the PTA for organising the picnic and for helping us to fund the plays. The children have had a fabulous week and we hope that you have all seen the updates both on Facebook and Twitter.

Also this week in school the children have been using Shakespeare for a stimulus for writing. There have been some remarkable pieces produced in some classes which have shown that our children really 'Shine at Shakespeare!' Later on this term, the Y5 children will be producing their own version of a very famous Shakespeare play, so watch this space!

As part of their Science topic the Year 1 children went on a walk to West Park this week. They had a great time and really enjoyed spotting all kinds of plants and animals. Luckily the weather was kind to them and they really enjoyed their outing. Thank you to all of the helpers who gave up their time to accompany the children on the trip. It really helps that we have so many parents who are able to support their children's learning.

Reception children had a great time this week learning how to ride balance bikes. There was plenty of fun as the children learnt new skills on the bikes and 'fairies' visited their classes too!

Some of the Y6 children have started their transition to The Long Eaton School this week. These children have already made good links and have been meeting with some of the staff and other children at TLES. Transition activities for the rest of the Year 6 children will take place later in this half term.

A reminder for all parents of Year 6 children that they will be having swimming lessons after half term. Please remember to bring swimming kits to school on the first day back, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Miss O'Neill has asked me to mention that she is looking for parents to take part in a consultation for our new Anti-Bullying campaign called 'Stop! If you remember, this was something that came up in response to our most recent parent questionnaire. Some of you expressed concerns about how we dealt with bullying. Well, this is your chance to become

involved. Please leave a message for Miss O'Neill at the school office if you are interested in joining our consultation group. Please let us know by, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

I had 17 parents join me for the Headteacher coffee morning this morning. We welcomed some new parents too and had lots of discussion around lunchtimes, behaviour, the curriculum and uniform. This is a good opportunity for you to come and meet with me (and Miss O'Neill, who came this morning too) to talk about Brooklands. Next time I would like to hear your views about what we should add to next year's School Improvement Plan and how we can review all the changes we have made this year. Please do come and join us for the next coffee morning on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone welcome!

Uniform – At the 'pop-up shops' all uniform sizes will be available and payments can be made via cash and also by card. Ties are not yet available, but children will be presented with these in school in September. On line orders can be placed via the following link: <http://uniform-direct.com/acatalog/Brooklands-Primary-School-Uniform.html>.

The link to see our 'Stars of the week' for this week is: <http://www.brooklands.derbyshire.sch.uk/news-events/stars-week>

Please look carefully at the following dates for after half term and the rest of the school year:

Upcoming events:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for half term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Return to School

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – PTA, Annual General Meeting. All welcome! KS1 Hall.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Wider Opps concert 2.30am, KS2 Hall.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – HT Coffee Morning

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photos

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – New parents' meeting for nursery parents – 3pm.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Uniform Pop-up shop 3-4 pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics screening week – Year 1

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – New parents' meeting for nursery parents – 3pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Uniform Pop-up shop 3-4pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Halle Orchestra Concert, Derby

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Long Eaton Carnival day!

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Reception New Parents afternoon – 1pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Reception Sports day – 2pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Uniform Pop-up shop – 3-4pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – School closed – INSET day.

Thursday 7th July - Reception school trip to Attenborough Nature Reserve.

Thursday 7th July - Key Stage 1 Sports afternoon - 2pm

Thursday 7th July - Uniform Pop-up shop 3pm - 6pm

Friday 6th July - HT Coffee morning

Wednesday 13th July - Summer Music Evening 5.30pm

Friday 15th July - KS2 Sports Day - 9.15am

Friday 15th July - School reports out to parents

Wednesday 20th July - Open evening to meet the new class teachers

Monday 25th July - Y6 performance - afternoon

Tuesday 26th July - Y6 performance - morning

Tuesday 26th July - End of School Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Staff Training day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September - New term starts

Thanks for all your on-going support for the school. Have a great half term break!

Ceri Hathaway

Headteacher