

Dear all,

Welcome to the first weekly email update from Brooklands Primary. In the parent questionnaire in March, many of you asked for the return of the weekly newsletter, so in response to that request here is the first weekly news update. I will send out an e-mail every Friday with all the news from the week and with news of upcoming events. There are still many parents who have not submitted an e-mail contact address, so please remind your friends to let us have their email addresses so that everyone can receive this. We will also contact parents separately to remind them to submit their details.

Headteacher Drop-in Coffee morning: The first Headteacher coffee morning took place this morning. It was great to be able to discuss the school with about 12 parents and for them to talk to me about what's happening in and around school. Today we discussed the new uniform, current uniform, SATs, the curriculum, and staffing among other topics. We also spoke about starting a more formal parents' forum. Please come along to the next coffee morning on Friday 24th May at 8.45am in the KS1 hall if you would like to join in. Thanks to all those who came today.

Shakespeare week: A reminder that May 23rd is the beginning of our Shakespeare Week. On May 24th, 'West End in Schools' will be working with Reception, Y1 and Y2 on A Midsummer Night's Dream. The PTA are sponsoring this event, run by professional actors. There will be no charge to pupils. On May 25th, Aesop's Touring Theatre will be performing Henry VIII to KS2 and school are sponsoring this professional show. Again, there will no charge to pupils. Both of these companies are from London and all of the actors are professionally trained. On May 26th we will be holding our Big Picnic. You will have had the PTA letter for this. The children may dress up in any clothing from 1952 to today. We are really looking forward to celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday as well as celebrating the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, Shakespeare's queen. We are looking forward to a fun packed week of Shakespeare related activities. In addition, all classes will be studying one of his plays. Here's hoping that all's well that ends well!

New Uniform: You will be receiving details on Monday about the new Uniform Code. Governors have made a final decision and there is now a display in the school foyer of the new uniform. There will be lots of details coming to you on Monday so watch out for notification of where you can see the finalised Uniform Code and how you can order the new uniform.

Inset Days: The next school closure day will be on Monday 4th July for staff training. We break up for the summer on Tuesday 26th July and the children will return to school on Tuesday 5th September. In future, I will aim to give you all of the INSET days for the year in September to help you plan child care for school closure days.

Reminder from Mrs Mather: We have our Nursery Sports Day on Thursday 19th May. It is a 10.00am start for the morning session and 1.45pm for the afternoon. Please come along and support your child!

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

Upcoming events:

Friday 27th May - HT drop in coffee morning 8.45am, KS1 Hall.

Friday 27th May - Break up for half term

Monday 6th June - Return to School

Monday 6th June - 9am - PTA, Annual General Meeting. All welcome! KS1 Hall.

Friday 10th June - HT Coffee Morning

Friday 10th June - Class Photos

Monday 13th June - New parents' meeting for nursery parents - 3pm.

Tuesday 14th June - New parents' meeting for nursery parents - 3pm

Friday 17th June - Y4 Halle Orchestra Concert, Derby

Wednesday 22nd June - Reception New Parents afternoon - 1pm

Wednesday 22nd June - Reception Sports day - 2pm

Thursday 7th July - Reception school trip to Attenborough nature reserve.

Thursday 7th July - Key Stage 1 Sports afternoon - 1.30pm

Friday 6th July - HT Coffee morning

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 27th July - Y6 performance - morning

Tuesday 27th July - End of School Term

Thanks for all your support for the school,

Ceri Hathaway

Headteacher