

Dear all,

Another learning packed week is almost over at Brooklands! There is plenty to celebrate again this week.

One of the highlights of the week has to be the Queen's birthday tea party in Y1 on Thursday. Lots of parents joined with the children on Thursday afternoon to have sandwiches and cake in the hall. The decorations looked great and the children were full of enthusiasm as they sang a happy birthday song for the Queen. Their celebrations will continue next week as they have lots of activities planned that are linked to the Queen's birthday. See if you can share some of the celebrations on TV this weekend with the children.

In other year groups, rehearsals are underway now for the Year 5 production of a Midsummer Night's Dream in Y5. This will be performed for parents at the end of term (specific dates to follow). Year 2 and Year 6 are very busy at the moment assessing the children's written work. New frameworks for assessing writing have been published this year and teachers are busy finding evidence to support their teacher assessments. Year 3 have been busy making torches this week in their science lessons while Year 4 have shown everyone what excellent musical skills they have acquired this year on woodwind instruments. Next week they will be performing with the Halle orchestra in Derby! So watch this space for more details of that!

Thanks to everyone who came to this morning HT coffee morning. They are becoming a well-established part of life at Brooklands now. The guest this week was Marie Crowley who is the Chair of Governors for Brooklands. Marie spoke to all of the parents about the role of governors at school and explained what the role of a parent governor involves. We are actively looking to recruit new parent governors to our board so it was great that two ex-parent governors were at the coffee morning to explain how the role works. Letters will be coming out to you about how to apply for the role of a parent governor soon. I have also attached some information which gives more detail about being a parent governor. If you would like to talk to someone about it, in the meantime please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak to Marie, the Chair of Governors.

You will remember that on the last email update, Miss O'Neill asked me to mention that she is looking for parents to take part in a consultation for our new Anti-Bullying campaign called 'Stop!' She has had a good response from parents and she will be holding the first meeting for all of those who have shown an interest on Monday 20th June at 2.30pm. Miss

O'Neill will email those parents separately to give them more details. The consultation group also includes a governor, a Teaching Assistant and the school council.

Mobile phones in school – please remember that children should only bring mobiles into school if it is absolutely necessary. They MUST be handed into the office on arrival where they will be kept safely by office staff and collected from the office at the end of the day. We cannot guarantee that phones will be safe if they are not handed in.

Uniform – The first 'pop-up shop' is next week – on Monday 13th June and then on Tuesday 14th June. The shop will be open from 3pm following the new parents' afternoon for nursery parents. Payments can be made by cash or card at the shop. Please also remember that there are two other dates for uniform shops this term and also uniform can be ordered online. On line orders can be placed via the following link: <http://uniform-direct.com/acatalog/Brooklands-Primary-School-Uniform.html>.

The Annual General Meeting of the Brooklands PTA took place on Monday this week. Look out for all of the events that they have planned over the coming weeks and please support the Summer Fayre on Wednesday 6th July. Again, more details to follow, but if you are able to give up any time to help at all over the next few weeks please contact school and ask to speak to Ms Dunham, Chair of the PTA.

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:

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

Monday 13th June – Uniform Pop-up shop 3-4 pm

Monday 13th June – Phonics screening week – Year 1

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

Tuesday 14th June – Uniform Pop-up shop 3-4pm

Friday 17th June – Y4 Halle Orchestra Concert, Derby

Saturday 18th June – Long Eaton Carnival day!

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

Wednesday 22nd June – Reception Sports day – 2pm

Wednesday 22nd June – Uniform Pop-up shop – 3-4pm

Monday 4th 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 (from 3.15 - 4.30)

Monday 25th July - Y6 performance - afternoon

Tuesday 26th July - Y6 performance - morning

Tuesday 26th July - End of School Term

Monday 5th September - Staff Training day

Tuesday 6th September - New term starts

Thanks for all your on-going support for the school.

Ceri Hathaway

Headteacher