

Dear all,

I hope that by now you have all managed to find time to read the school Ofsted report which came out to you earlier this week. Thank you to all of you who have emailed and congratulated staff showing your support for the school. It is great to receive encouragement and to feel that our hard work has been worthwhile. So now it's onwards and upwards!

This week's notices:

We had a visit from the local MP, Maggie Throup today. Maggie came into school to come to Star of the Week celebration assembly and to present our new school council with their school council badges. It was great for the children to see a 'real life' MP in school and she was very impressed by the children at Brooklands. There are more details on our Twitter and Facebook page.

PE Kit – a message from Mrs East: – As part of the new uniform code and as the winter months approach, I would like to remind parents that the correct PE kit is required in school. We recommend that children keep their 'summer kit' in school. This is their 'normal PE kit' – i.e. plain navy shorts and plain white polo / t-shirt, black or white plimsolls (not trainers). Children wear this kit for indoor PE all year round and for outdoor PE during warm weather. I would also recommend that children have an additional 'winter kit' in school for the colder months. This enables the children to continue to do PE outdoors and is especially good for PE lessons which require more space i.e. football, netball. A 'winter kit' should include: a pair of dark coloured joggers or tracksuit bottoms, their normal plain white PE t-shirt and a dark coloured hooded top or sweatshirt. (No large logo or patterns please). Trainers may also be worn instead of plimsolls. If you have any more questions, please refer to the new uniform code which was sent out with the update last week and that is also on the school website.

Bikes on the school playground – you may be aware that we have had some problems with people riding bikes in the school grounds. This could be dangerous as we have lots of small children and the grounds around school become quite crowded. Please do not ride bikes within the school grounds. Please support the school in this so that we can ensure that school is a safe environment for everybody. Staff will continue to come out onto the playgrounds at the end of the school day to support this policy.

Change of date: You should have already received a text today advising you of a change of date for the school photographer to visit Brooklands. The photographer will be in school on Monday

19<sup>th</sup> September, next Monday. In response to feedback from last year, we have changed the school photographer and we will now be using Jane Stapleton Photography. This is the same photographer who took photos of class groups last year. If you require the photographer to take family groups, they will be starting to take family groups from 8.30am in the Junior Hall. You must access school through the main reception area if you wish to have photographs taken before school. Please do not access the hall through classrooms or any other doors as this is in breach of our safeguarding policy.

*Prams and pushchairs in school: Safeguarding and health and safety is everyone's responsibility. With this in mind, we would ask that all parents please leave prams and pushchairs outside of classrooms while dropping children off at the start of the day and collecting them at the end of the day. I appreciate your co-operation with this.*

*Breakfast Club – we are delighted that our Breakfast Club is thriving. Some days now we have nearly 45 children at the club. However, we do need to prepare for this so you must book a place 48 hours in advance so that we have the correct staffing levels in place. A message from Mrs Lovatt our breakfast club supervisor: "Due to the increased popularity of breakfast club, it is now necessary to book at least 48 hours in advance. This can be done by ringing or texting our hotline number 07774491290. The line is open 7am - 9.30am Monday to Friday. All texts will be seen, however if you wish to receive confirmation, please end your text with the word REPLY. Payment for breakfast club must be made in advance or on the day, as unfortunately we will be unable to secure places otherwise." – Mrs V. Lovatt.*

*Headteacher Coffee Morning- The first of the year's coffee mornings will be held next week on Tuesday morning at 8.45 in the KS1 Hall. We will be discussing the recent Ofsted report and also planning future coffee mornings. Everyone is welcome – just turn up, it would be great to welcome new parents.*

*Pop-up Uniform shop – Uniform Direct will be at Brooklands on Monday afternoon after school. Please ring the store in advance to pre-order any uniform you require. Ties are available from the school office. (NB – Some of you have mentioned that the elastic ties come undone if pulled. This is a safety feature and that is designed to happen to ensure the safety of children. The elastic can be retied if needed.)*

*Macmillan Coffee Morning – Advance notice that we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am. All classes will be taking part in the 'Great Brooklands Bake-off' during the week and then we will be selling these cakes to parents at our coffee morning on 30<sup>th</sup> September. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Care. Save the date and we will send out more details on next weeks' email update.*

Many thanks for all your on-going support for the school.

Ceri Hathaway  
Headteacher

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

**Amended / additional dates:**

School Photographer in school for individual photos - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September not Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am in the KS2 Hall.