

Update from – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

Dear all,

We really seem to be back into the swing of things now. I have noticed that some of the children, especially the little ones are starting to look tired by the end of the week. That's a good thing as clearly they are enjoying school and their learning! However, please make sure bedtimes are sensible so that we get the best out of the children while they're here. It's great to see all (well almost all) of the children so keen to get to school!

This week's notices:

**After School Club Survey** – Thank you to all of you who have already completed the Survey Monkey questionnaire about after school provision at Brooklands. So far, the responses have been very positive. If you have not already completed the survey, I would encourage you to complete it this weekend before the survey closes on Monday. Just click on the link to fill it in. It will only take a minute! <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T8L7DTB>

Message from Brooklands PTA. – Welcome back to a new and exciting year at Brooklands. We had a lovely warm start to the school year and because of your excellent support we have already raised £41 selling ice lollies after school.

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning. Come and join us for a slice of cake and a cuppa after you have dropped the children off in the morning and then again after school. The children will be taking part in The Great Brooklands Bake Off and each class will get to hear those famous words – “Ready, Steady, BAKE! The cakes will be judged on Thursday and sold on Friday. We would also ask for cake donations, so that we can raise as much as possible for this great cause.

The PTA would also like to welcome our new parents and anyone else interested in joining our group. Come along on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct at 3.15, meet the members and have a coffee and a chat. We welcome any ideas for fundraising that you might have and ideas for events. We look forward to meeting you all.

Look out for details on our Halloween Discos and Christmas Fair.

Again thanks for all of your help and support

Ms Phillipa Dunham – Chair of Brooklands PTA.

**Headteacher Coffee Morning** – We had the first HT coffee morning of the year this week. It was great to see some new parents with us. We discussed the outcome of the Ofsted report and the new uniform and also Miss O'Neill spoke a little bit about attendance. Our next coffee morning is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October and Mrs Elaine Johnson will be coming to speak to us about the new attendance policy. You will have perhaps seen Mrs Johnson wearing a blue Brooklands coat, out on the playground at the start of the school day. Mrs Johnson has taken up a slightly different role with us since the start of the year. She is now working closely with Mrs Smith in the school office to improve our attendance rates at Brooklands. It would be great to welcome even more of you next time.

**School Governing Body** – You may remember that at the end of last school year we sent out some information to recruit parents as school governors. I am really pleased that we had a great response and this week, several parents met with governors to discuss the role more fully. Due to the fact that we had so many applicants, vacant places on the governing body will be balloted. Next week the clerk to governors will be opening a ballot to enable all parents to vote for new parent governors. You should receive email notification of this next week with a link which will take you to the electronic ballot. Please take the time to vote so that you are well represented on the board of governors.

**Uniform** – Thank you to all of you who are supporting our new uniform code. The children look amazing and are loving wearing school ties. While I have been standing on the school gate at the end of the day I have noticed that some children are taking their ties off as soon as they get out of the classroom. I have spoken to the children in assembly about this and mentioned that they need to wear their ties outside of school too. Thank you for your support in this matter. Also to clarify, this year is a transition year where children can choose to wear the old uniform or the new uniform. In some cases there is a 'mix 'n' match' uniform emerging. I understand that some children are choosing to wear the ties with blue shirts and navy sweatshirts and that is fine. However, there are some black and grey jumpers appearing, which are neither old nor new uniform and also some plain royal blue cardigans. The new uniform code does state that jumpers should have the **school logo on them**. Also skirts and trousers should be grey and not black. Please bear this in mind when purchasing new uniform so that by next September everyone at Brooklands is following the correct dress code.

Many thanks for all of your support in these matters.

Kind Regards,  
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:**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Y6 Trip to West Park

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Young Ambassador meeting at Friesland

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

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – KS2 Hockey Festival at TLES

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – National No Pens Day

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Y5/6 Girls Football Festival at Friesland.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Y6 trip to the Long Eaton Hub for Fairground Workshop.