

Update from -2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016



Dear all,

Welcome to this week's email update -

**Music Evening** – Thank you to everyone who attended the Brooklands' Music Evening this week. It was great to have your support for our young performers. As usual, the children were amazing. As well as being proud of their ability we were proud of their confidence! It's not easy performing in front of such a large audience. So well done to everyone. Special thanks go to Mrs Harby and her team for all of her organising and arranging. In addition, your kind donations raised £87.75 which will be spent entirely on purchasing new musical equipment for the school.

**Headteacher Coffee Morning** – We had another really positive Headteacher Coffee Morning on Monday morning this week. Around 15 parents attended and as well as looking at technology and Apps for children's learning we discussed future coffee mornings and how parents wanted these to develop. All of the parents who attended felt that they enjoyed finding out about what's happening in school and they thought that the recent coffee mornings, where staff members had attended to share information had been useful. With this in mind, we discussed the next coffee morning and it was decided that Miss Hill would attend as PSHE co-ordinator to discuss our new SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) curriculum. Our next meeting is on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am**. I look forward to seeing you there. If you have any requests or ideas for subsequent meetings, then please let school know.

**Opportunity for fame** – I received an email this week from a TV production company. I am passing it on to you all to see if any of you are interested. The email is as follows:  
'My name's Ciara and I'm a Casting Producer at GameFace Productions in London.  
We're currently making a fun, new, family game show and we're looking for families to take part.  
We need families that are made up of two adults (don't both have to be parents) and two children aged 9-14 years.

I would be hugely grateful if you could circulate the attached flyer to the kids, parents & teachers at your school, or possibly display it on a noticeboard.

Auditions will be held before Christmas and all filming will take place outside of school hours. Families who are interested should email their details to [ciaraemott@gamefacetv.co.uk](mailto:ciaraemott@gamefacetv.co.uk).

Additional details are attached to this newsletter.

**Stone Age Day for Y3** – A notice from Miss Rogers and Miss Hill to say that there will be a Stone Age day for all Year 3 children on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please wear Stone Age Clothing and bring some Stone Age food to eat! (More details attached)

**Staffing update** – Unfortunately, Miss Leivars and Miss Rogers are still unwell and are currently not well enough to return to work. We are fortunate to be able to retain the same quality supply teachers so that the classes are receiving consistent provision and not having several different teachers. Mr Cook will continue to teach in Miss Leivars' class every day next week. In Year 3, Mrs East will be teaching her class as usual on Monday and Tuesday and then Mrs Faisey will continue to teach in Miss Rogers' class for the rest of the week, as she has done this week. Thanks for your understanding and co-operation, I understand it is very frustrating when regular staff are absent.

*Christmas Jumper Day* – You will have seen on the list of dates that came out that we are holding a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (last day of term). On that day all pupils and staff are encouraged to wear a "Christmassy" jumper to school in return for a suggested donation of £1 which will be donated to 'Save the Children'. This is a national event and it's great that Brooklands have signed up to take part. Details can be found on this link <https://christmasjumperday.org/> Please be reassured that we have stressed to the children that there is no need to purchase a special jumper! The theme is loosely applied so feel free to be creative! If they don't have a special Christmas jumper, it could be one with a Christmassy colour, something sparkly or perhaps something that has been decorated with tinsel or a Christmas badge. Participation will, of course, be optional.

**Message from the School Governors** - Our Governing Body has grown significantly over the last half term, and I am pleased to report most of our vacancies are full. Lynn Tanigawa and Tim Cuthbert join us as Parent Governors, and Teresa, Martin Shipley and Simon Pearce join us as Co-opted Governors. Rob Blanchard has been elected as Vice Chair of Governors and will work closely with Ms Hathaway and Ms Crowley. "We will try to attend as many events in school as we can so that we can play an active role in the school community. As Governors we will be contributing to the newsletter on a monthly basis. We will aim to be visible in the school community and work together to support Ms Hathaway and the rest of the staff in developing Brooklands and moving the school forward."

**Facebook** – We are hoping to have Facebook up and running again by the end of next week. We will let you know when we have opened the page up again so that we can continue to celebrate the school via this important method of communication. Posts should be positive and celebrate our school and our children. Any complaints should be addressed by contacting the school office, either by telephone, or in person or through the school Complaints Policy, which can be found on the school website. We will let you know once we have re-established the Brooklands page.

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>

Also, please don't forget to keep up to date via Twitter @brooklandsprim1.

**Amended / additional dates:**

**December 2016**

- **Friday 2nd December** – PTA Christmas Fayre.

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Craft in Key Stage 2 -2.30pm
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm.
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Drumming workshop
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Craft in Key Stage 1 / EYFS – 2.30pm
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Performance 5:45pm.
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Magical Maths Assemblies
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Craft Sale 2:30pm.
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas play 9.45am & 2pm. (please note change of time for morning performance).
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 Christmas Party pm.
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 Stone Age Day
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 Christmas Party pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas Party pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 Christmas Party pm.
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December–Nursery Christmas Sing-Along 10am & 2pm.
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Trampoline Festival
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Y2 Trip to Newstead Abbey
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 Christmas Party pm
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Choir Singing at Lacemaker Court.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas Party.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Christmas Party.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Christmas Party
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for Christmas Holidays.

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- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Back to School.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Junior Chef's Workshop Academy in School
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Head Teacher Coffee Morning (Miss Hill – SRE)
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Full Governor's meeting.
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for Half Term.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Back to School.
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Head Teacher Coffee Morning (Content TBC)
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – School Closed Staff training Day