



Update from –9th December 2016

Dear all,

It has been a busy week at Brooklands this week. Christmas is well and truly in full swing here. The KS1 performance of “Lights, Camel, Action” was fantastic. It had a ‘Strictly’ theme which was familiar to us all. Who knew we had such talented and versatile dancers in school? There were some truly cutting comments from the judges, especially Caesar, with references to all sorts of dancing ‘dis-ahsters’! Great fun was had by all and special thanks should go to all of the Key Stage 1 staff for their resilience and expertise in making sure the performance went smoothly.

Next week is another busy one. The class parties take place next week and also the performance of the Reception Nativity, ‘Christmas Counts’. I went to the dress rehearsal for this yesterday, and parents are in for a real treat! Don’t forget that we break up for Christmas next Friday and that we come back to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Safeguarding Update – *Keeping children in school safe is a priority at Brooklands, and we have recently been reviewing our safeguarding procedures. As part of our review we looked at site safety. With this in mind, it has been decided that from Monday 12th December the pedestrian access on St. John Street will be permanently closed. This will mean that access via St. John Street will be for vehicular access for visitor parking and deliveries only. All pedestrians should now use the gate on Clumber Street which will remain open throughout the school day and Oakley’s Road pedestrian access will be open at the start and the end of the school day as usual. It has been really helpful that parents have not brought cars onto the school premises. We would appreciate this continuing so that we can ensure everyone’s safety.*

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 16th 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.*

Choir - *Thank you to all the children who have taken part in our choir this term. Just a reminder that last night’s rehearsal was the last one for a while. Rehearsals will start again after February half term when a letter will go out with full details. If your child hasn’t been part of the choir this time and would like to join, they are more than welcome! (Year 3 upwards).*

The children will make their final Christmas performance at Lacemaker Court next Friday (16th December). This will take place during school time - they will leave school at 11am and return in time for lunch. The residents are really looking forward to seeing the children, especially as they will be in their festive clothes for the last day! Many thanks – Mrs Harby.

Website Survey – We are currently reviewing our school website and would ask for your views please. Here is a link for a quick online survey for parents. We would appreciate your opinions and will tell you the result of the survey. The survey is available now at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WN7FK9M>

Staffing update – Unfortunately, Miss Leivars is still poorly and will not be back next week. Mr Cook will continue to teach her class. Miss Mather is also still poorly and will not be in school next week. However, good news that Miss Rogers will be back in school on Monday having recovered from her recent illness. Thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

At Christmas Mr Leach (Y2) will be leaving Brooklands after a very short time with us. We are very sad about this, but equally, we are pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Eleanor McHale back to Brooklands. Mrs McHale will be taking over the Marvellous Martians Class in January. There is a parents meeting for this class on Monday 12th December at 3.45pm. Parents will have already received a letter this week, notifying them of this meeting.

Facebook – Our Facebook page is now up and running again. We are committed to celebrating our school and to sharing the positive aspects of our school with the wider community. Twitter and Facebook is a great way of doing this. From now on, we would request that all posts are in line with the Brooklands values. Posts should be positive and celebrate our school and our children. If you have any specific questions about events in school please contact the office either in person, by telephone or email. We also recognise that sometimes there will be complaints; these should be addressed through our Complaints Policy which can be found on our website www.brooklands.derbyshire.sch.uk. At Brooklands we reserve the right to remove negative or abusive posts and to block users who use this page inappropriately. Thank you for your co-operation.

*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 & Facebook.

Amended / additional dates:

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- *Tuesday 13th December – Reception Christmas play 9.45am & 2pm. (please note change of time for morning performance).*
- *Tuesday 13th December – Year 4 Christmas Party pm.*
- *Wednesday 14th December – Year 3 Stone Age Day*
- *Wednesday 14th December – Year 5 Christmas Party pm*
- *Wednesday 14th December – Reception Christmas Party pm*
- *Wednesday 14th December – Year 2 Christmas Party pm.*
- *Wednesday 14th December – Nursery Christmas Sing-Along 10am & 2pm.*
- *Wednesday 14th December – KS2 Trampoline Festival*
- *Thursday 15th December – Y2 Trip to Newstead Abbey*
- *Thursday 15th December – Year 3 Christmas Party pm*

- *Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day.*
- *Friday 16th December – Choir Singing at Lacemaker Court.*
- *Friday 16th December – Nursery Christmas Party.*
- *Friday 16th December – Year 6 Christmas Party.*
- *Friday 16th December – Year 1 Christmas Party*
- *Friday 16th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays.*

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