



Update from -3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

Dear all,

Following our '**Challenge Partners' Review** last week, I am really pleased to be able to share the outcome of the report with you. The team found the school to be 'good' in all areas reviewed, i.e. School Improvement Strategies, Outcomes for Pupils and the Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment. The report that came to school was very encouraging. There were many positive comments about how the school has improved, e.g. 'Outstanding teaching is bringing about rapid improvements in teaching'. There was also mention of the fact that the school is set to improve further, 'School leaders demonstrate the drive to improve the good grade from their recent Ofsted Inspection'. We are happy with these observations as we are all work hard to ensure that the school is continuously improving. When in lessons, the reviewers observed, 'A purposeful atmosphere in all lessons allows pupils to work well both independently and collaboratively'. They were also able to comment that, 'Teachers use questioning effectively'. Clearly, there were also areas that need further development. These mirrored those from the Ofsted report last year and they are areas that we are already aware of and that are highlighted in our School Improvement Plan. All in all we are very happy with the report and it gives us an excellent springboard to improve further. Well done to the whole Brooklands team – staff and children - for such a great outcome!

**Breakfast Club – live event** – This week the Brooklands Breakfast Club has been holding a 'Sing at Breakfast Club' event every day between 7.30am and 8.15am. All of the children have enjoyed taking part and the week culminated this week in a grand finale! We are very pleased to announce that Aaron Roe in Y4 was our overall winner. Well done, Aaron! Breakfast club are planning more special events in future, so if you would like your child to attend, then please book on our Breakfast Club Hotline Number: 07774491290. The line is available to receive calls between 7:00am-9:30am (Term Time Only). Breakfast club is £2 per day.

**Dodgeball Festival** - On Monday night a group of Year 6 children attended a Dodgeball Festival at The Long Eaton School. They had a great time and learnt lots of new techniques and rules. Next week, they will compete in a Dodgeball Competition so they will be able to put into practise what they have been taught. Good luck to the team. Thank you to the parents for taxiing your children to and from the event. It is much appreciated. – Mrs East.

**School Kitchen Friendship Day** – Please don't forget that on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, the school kitchen is planning a Friendship Day lunch. There will be a special menu of, Chicken or Cheese wrap, crisps and sweetcorn, salad and a cookie. If you would like your child to have a school meal that day, please book one through the school office. Meals are £2 per day.

**Safer Internet Day** – Next week, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February we will be taking part in Safer Internet Day. The theme this year is 'Be the change: unite for a better internet'. During the day the children will be learning how to stay safe online with help from Smartie the Penguin and his friends. We would like to invite you into school from 2:30-3pm to share your child's learning with them, and support us to promote staying safe online, both at school and home.

**Headteacher Coffee Morning** – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Miss Leivars will be attending this to talk to parents about maths across the school.

Best Wishes,

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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- *Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – KS2 Dodgeball Festival at TLES 4.5-30pm*
- *Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Gymnastics Festival at Erewash Valley Gymnastics Club*
- *Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – safer internet day – Parents invited to school from 2.30pm.*
- *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.*
- *Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Bikeability for Y5 & Balance bikes at TLES for Reception Children*
- *Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Head Teacher Coffee Morning (Maths)*
- *Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – School Closed. Staff training Day*
- *Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Pancake day*
- *Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book day – come dressed as your favourite book character!*
- *Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – High5 Netball tournament at TLES*
- *Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Hockey Tournament at TLES 1-3pm*
- *Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Rugby Mega-fest at TLES 1-3pm*
- *Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day! Dress up day!*