

4th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year at Brooklands Primary School!

I am very pleased to welcome you back for a new year as Brooklands continues to go from strength to strength. We are very proud of our school and pleased that you have chosen Brooklands for your children.

As we start another school year we are pleased to welcome all of our new pupils to school. As well as our new reception and nursery children we welcome several other new starters in other year groups. During our assembly this morning we presented the Year 1 children with their first Brooklands tie. As you know, the children wear the tie to represent the school values. All children who are new to Brooklands receive their first tie as a gift from the school to show our values and to commit to keeping these values in all that we do at Brooklands. The children were very pleased to receive these ties this morning in assembly as are now proudly wearing their new ties in school.

Our values represent the whole school community and are not just for the children. At our staff training day yesterday, the staff looked at the values and we reminded ourselves about our commitment to Brooklands and how the values are also relevant to us as adults in school.

Our Brooklands Values:

Together - a great team.

Do your best - always.

Show respect - everywhere.

Celebrate - well done.

Aim high - go for it!

Be resilient - never give up.

Be kind - always.

We also welcome new staff to school this September. Miss Meakin will be teaching in Year 4, Miss Adams in Year 1 and Miss Riley will be working alongside Miss Plumb in Year 2 as she trains to become a fully qualified teacher next year. We welcome them all warmly to the Brooklands family!

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I am keen for all parents and carers to keep in touch with life at Brooklands and there are several ways for you to do this. I would encourage you all to download the Brooklands App to your smart phone or tablet. The app is available through Google Play or through Apple's App store. It's free to download is updated almost daily with information about Brooklands. When you download the app you will need to go into the settings to enable notifications so that you are alerted when the app is updated and new information is available. All of the school diary dates are on the app and there is also information regarding online safety and all of the news from each class. There is also a link to our Twitter account and our Facebook page. Each of these are updated regularly to give you an idea of what is happening at Brooklands. If you have any difficulty in downloading our app please do let the school office know and we will be pleased to assist you.

I do understand that from time to time there will be things that you are not happy about. In the first instance you should discuss this with the relevant class teacher who will aim to sort issues out as soon as possible. If this cannot be resolved then please speak to the relevant Director of Learning, Mr Bingham, Mrs Goldstein, Miss Plumb or Mrs Johnson. They will then refer the matter to senior management should it not be able to be resolved.

Thank you for all of the support you give to your children at Brooklands. We are proud of uniform and pleased that the children came back to school looking so smart. Please do remember that the uniform is an important part of Brooklands as it enables the children to feel a sense of belonging and identity. We refer to our values and link these to the uniform regularly so please ensure your child adheres to the agreed uniform dress code. Details can be found via this link: <https://www.brooklands.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Uniform-Code.pdf>. Please remember that all long hair should be tied back and that skirts and trousers should be grey and not black. Again, please ask the school office if you require any further clarification. The school uniform shop, 'Uniform Direct' will be in school for you to purchase our uniform next week on Thursday 13th September from 2.45 – 4pm.

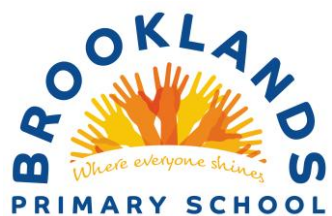
Please also remember that school now starts at 8.45 and all children should be in class at this time ready to start their learning. We appreciate your support here too.

I look forward very much to the new school year. We have an exciting year planned and I hope that all children will enjoy their time here at Brooklands.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Hathaway', is written over a thin horizontal line.

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