



Broughton Primary School: 22.01.2024

Wk 15/01/2024		
	Attendance	Unauthorised
Catbells	100.0%	0.0%
Haystacks	98.33%	0.0%
Barrow	92.63%	0.0%
Dodd	97.92%	0.0%
Blencathra	94.06%	0.0%
Skiddaw	97.39%	0.0%

Friday 19/01/2024	
	Golden Sweatshirt
Reception	Sienna Stewart
Year 1	Jonah Quinn
Year 2	Franky Osborne
Year 3	Leah Hazlewood
Year 4	Isabella Fowler
Year 5	Eden Fee
Year 6	Aoife Thompson

Dear Parents/Carers

Strive for Five winners:

I set the reading challenge in last week's Celebration Assembly to see whether we could have any class reach 100%, meaning that every child in the class had read five times during the week in their own time.... I'm delighted to report that **Years 4 and 5** accepted that challenge and got to the magical **100%** last week! Amazing! Well done Blencathra!!! They were closely followed by Year 1 (91%) and Reception (93%). It is wonderful to see those Strive for Five reading %'s increasing this week – long may it last!

Parents evening appointments:

Some dates for your calendar... We plan to hold our spring term parents evening appointments on Monday 4th March (1.30-6pm) – virtual, and Monday 11th March (3.30-5.30pm) – face-to-face. As we still have over a month to go, the appointment booking system has not gone live just yet - I will let you all know as soon as they are available to book. The spring term meetings are an opportunity to discuss your child's academic achievements and progress since September with their class teacher.

Reporting absence:

If your child is unable to attend school through feeling unwell, there are two options for reporting this to school. You can either call the main school office on 01900 828971 and leave a message stating your child's name, class and the reason for absence, or you can use the school website by clicking on the 'Reporting Absence' tab at the top of the page and completing a webform. Please inform school of absence by 8.30am in order for us to inform your child's class teacher so that they are not incorrectly marked in the register as 'late'. If you would like to request term-time absence due to a holiday, the holiday request form can be downloaded from the school website, or a hard copy can be provided from the school office. In order for me to authorise absence due to holidays, it has to meet a threshold for 'exceptional circumstances' set by our local authority.

Packed lunches/school lunches:

Recently, we have found that we have had a number of requests for children to swap from packed lunches to school lunches, or vice versa. We are always happy to facilitate these requests, but we would like to politely ask for 4 weeks' notice of the change in an email to Mrs Bryden in our school office: admin@broughton-pri.cumbria.sch.uk As Mrs Farley cooks all school lunches on site, she has to pre-purchase all of her ingredients in advance and she bases this on the number of children that are currently having a school dinner, and if there are number of requests to swap, the concern is that she has not ordered enough food, or that food may be wasted. Many schools in the local area use external providers for school lunches and can put in a daily order, which would offer flexibility between school lunches and packed lunches on a day-to-day basis. We are very fortunate to provide freshly cooked lunches for our children, but this leaves us with less flexibility on making swaps and changes.

School car park:

Just a quick reminder that parents/carers should not use the school car park for collecting/dropping-off children at the busy times of **8.30-9am** or from **2.50-3.30pm**, unless you hold a blue badge for parking. This is due to the large number of children and families walking across the car park at these times – we want to keep everybody as safe as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for your diary Spring 1:

Please note that dates for various events will be added to this list throughout the term and so please check dates weekly to keep up to date.

- Monday 5th – Friday 9th February – Year 6 Bikeability week
- Monday 5th February 5pm (Year 3 classroom) – Information evening for Year 3/4 parents for Derwent Hill
- Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 7th February 9.30-10am Reception hearing test
- Friday 9th February 9-11.3am Year 5 to Cockermouth School to watch a show
- Friday 9th February 3.20pm Break-up for half-term
- Monday 19th February Return to school

Kind regards,



Mrs A Bewsher – Headteacher