



## Broughton Primary School: 07.10.2024

Wk 30/09/2024			Friday 04/10/2024	
	Attendance	Unauthorised		
Catbells	98.67%	0.0%		Golden Sweatshirt
Haystacks	95.56%	0.0%	Reception	Willow Holland
Barrow	100.0%	0.0%	Year 1	Mia Roberts
Dodd	97.08%	0.0%	Year 2	Hetty Crane
Blencathra	100.0%	0.0%	Year 3	Octavia Jackson
Skiddaw	99.44%	0.0%	Year 4	Arthur Dryden
Whole School	98.32%	0.0%	Year 5	Bluebelle Aplin
			Year 6	Leighton Campbell

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Attendance champions and Strive for Five winners:**

Once again, a huge well done to our Year 4 pupils for winning the Strive for Five reading challenge again last week with a fantastic 95% of the year group reading five times throughout the week. Congratulations to our class Attendance Champions - Barrow, Blencathra and Skiddaw!

### **School attendance:**

As mentioned in a previous email, there have been some major changes to the Attendance Policies and Procedures set out by the government. All schools have now been assigned an Access and Inclusion officer and our school's is Linzi Bennett, who works for Cumberland County Council. The images below highlight the changes that have been made and explains the new penalty notices. Anyone requesting any term time holidays will be issued with a letter from Cumberland County Council if the holiday does not meet exceptional circumstances. Any holidays that are 5 days or more have to be referred to our Access and Inclusion officer and they will decide what happens next. This will depend on your child's current attendance and previous attendance history. Linzi is working closely with all schools across Cumberland to ensure we have a consistent approach to attendance.

## Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For Example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### 5 Consecutive days of Term Time Leave

Penalty notice fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

### 10 Sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10- week period

Penalty notice fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be :

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days

### Second Offence

#### (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be :

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

### Local Authority DO NOT accept the following as exceptional circumstances:

- My work do not allow me to take holidays during the school summer holiday period, even if they provide a letter
- My child needs a holiday at quieter times due to needs
- Our holiday has been gifted and paid for and did not have a choice of dates
- My child has good or 100% attendance
- I will report my child being poorly - schools are expected to carry out home visits, if a holiday is suspected, school will report to the local authority for a penalty notice fine

### Parents Evening appointments:

From 3.20pm this afternoon, Parents Evening appointments can now be made by following the red link below. Face-to-face appointments for parents of pupils in Reception to Year 6 will take place on Monday 21st October from 1.30-6pm and will be held in the school hall. Virtual appointments will be offered on Tuesday 22nd October from 3.30-6pm. ALL appointments (including face-to-face appointments) should be booked online by visiting the school site address, which works on a first-come, first-served basis:

**[broughtonprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk](http://broughtonprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk)**

You will be able to make bookings up to 4pm on Friday 18th October when the window to make appointments will close. Appointments will be based around your child's transition into their new class, rather than academic progress and will be strictly allocated ten-minute slots (including face-to-face appointments) which will ensure that it is fair for all parents.

### **Dogs in Forest School area:**

I am very upset to report that there has been further instances of dog fouling in our Forest School area on our school field and that for the last few weeks, staff have been forced to clear the dog poo before children can access the area, which is a job they should not have to do! We are confident that the person that is allowing their dog to use our field as a toilet is not one of our school families, but please can we appeal to any of our families who live close to our school to report any dog-walkers using our school field? We are placing some netting along the gate at the top of our field, in case it is a dog that is running loose without an owner and gaining access through the gate.

### **Parking on school car park:**

Please can we politely request that parents/carers avoid using our school car park when dropping-off and collecting children from school, unless you are a blue-badge holder. The bottom of the school drive is becoming increasingly busy with parked cars, and this has caused some disruption with deliveries to school and also blocked in the school minibus when classes are heading out on trips and to sporting events. The school drive does get very busy with children walking to and from school, and the safety of our pupil's is a top priority.

### **KABS Halloween disco:**

Coming soon....



Nursery/Reception and Key-Stage1 pupils disco will be held at 5-6pm and should be supervised by an adult. Key-Stage 2 pupils can attend from 6.15-7.15pm.

### **KABS Lottery:**

Please see the attached letter on how you can sign up for the KABS lottery....

### **Harvest Service in Christ Church:**

Our Harvest celebrations are due to begin, and as part of this our pupils in Reception up to Year 6 will visit Christ Church on Wednesday 16th October at 9.30am where each class will perform a Harvest themed song/poem. Parents/carers and family members are welcome to attend. This year, we are collecting food donations for our local food bank. These can be brought into school by the children or be delivered straight to church on the morning of the service – thank you for all of the donations so far! Please see the poster below for ideas for donations:



### **Dates for your diary Autumn 1:**

Class Dojo has updated their system to allow us to post upcoming events on the Dojo story pages. It also allows us to provide reminder alerts as we approach the event which we feel will be helpful. I will however continue to list events on the newsletter:

- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-10.30am Harvest Service in Church. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1.30-6pm Face-to-face Parents Evening appointments
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 3.30-6pm Virtual Parents Evening appointments
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 5-6pm Early Years & KS1 KABS Halloween disco 6.15-7.15pm  
KS2 Halloween disco
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half-term

Kind regards,

*A. Bewsher*

Mrs A Bewsher – Headteacher