

Broughton Primary School: 19.04.2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back:

A warm welcome back to all our pupils for the final term in our academic year. Summer term always proves to be a very busy one, with lots of events and visits added in to our school timetable so please keep up-to-date with dates by referring to 'Dates for your diary' section below, or on our calendar on our school website. It is a very special term for our Year 6 pupils, who will leave us and move on to secondary school in the summer – we will ensure that we make their 'send-off' as exciting and memorable as possible!

Updated Covid guidance:

On Tuesday 29th March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for Living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1st April. Updated guidance now advises: Children/young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children/young people, the advice is 3 days.

Congratulations to Miss Eve:

Huge congratulations to Miss Eve who got married over the Easter break! Miss Eve is now officially Mrs Barcock, but wishes to be known as Miss Eve for the rest of the academic year to make it less confusing for the children.

School website:

Our new school website will be going live today. We have been working very hard behind the scenes to re-design our website to make it more user-friendly for parents and more efficient in providing you with information about our school. Our new website has a very handy 'Report an absence' link at the top of the site and this will be a very quick and easy way to report to our school office that your child is unable to attend school and provide a reason. Our website address remains the same:

www.broughtonprimarysch.co.uk

Have a look around our new site – hopefully, you will find it much improved!

STEM club:

Unfortunately, the Young Engineers after-school club, ran by STEM kids, is currently undersubscribed. I have been informed by the club coordinator that they are unable to proceed with the numbers booked on (we need a minimum of 12 children attending and we currently only have 6). The club is open to pupils from Years 3-6. If you think your child would like to attend please book them a place as soon as possible, using the link below:

www.stemkids.co.uk

The club is due to begin next Wednesday 27th April 3.20-4.20pm. If the number of pupils attending doesn't increase in the next two days – the club will unfortunately be cancelled and all parents of children already booked on will receive a refund.

There is a cost to the club (£7.50 per session or £45 for the 6-week block – the last session will be delivered after the half-term break) as the children construct a range of projects including: balloon cars, pocket torches, vibrating bugs, sling rockets and a CAM carousel – all projects can be taken home. Parents/Carers of pupils in Year 3/4 should be aware that your child may be attending the Derwent Hill residential visit on Wednesday 4th May and so will miss the club during that week. However, STEM kids have offered to allow the children to take the resources and kits home for that week if they are unable to attend the club. Full terms and conditions are on their website.

Bassenfell parents information evening:

We will be holding an information evening for Year 2 parents regarding the Bassenfell residential visit taking place on Monday 16th-Tuesday 17th May. The meeting will take place in the school hall next Monday (25th April) at 5 – 5.30pm. It will provide you with information about the Bassenfell Centre itself, the activities taking place and a summary of the items children will need to take on the trip.

Success of Easter Fayre:

Thank you to all who attended and supported the KABS Easter Fayre. KABS (our parents committee who lead the Easter Fayre) plan to use the money raised to provide another summer fun day for all of our pupils during the summer term. I feel it is important to point out that any money raised during any of the KABS events throughout the year, goes into the KABS account which is then used to provide little 'extras' for the children. Over the previous years, the money has been used to provide: extra laptops/iPads for the children so that there is a full class set, provide summer fun days, to contribute towards travel costs to the Christmas pantomime, to provide Year 6 Leavers treats etc. Thank you to all of our KABS committee members who work so hard to organise and lead these events for our pupils, on a voluntary basis.

KABS lottery winners:

Congratulations to the April KABS lottery winners:

- 1st Prize £50 Alison Atkinson
- 2nd Prize £30 Catherine Cass
- 3rd Prize £20 Chris Steel

Scarecrow trail:

As an alternative to Mr Dobie's village treasure hunt, this year we are planning to run a scarecrow trail around the village. We are inviting residents of the village to pay £5.00 to register your scarecrow on a map of the village and enter the scarecrow into a competition, which will be judged by school staff on Friday 17th June (after the half-term break in summer term). There is no particular theme so you can let your imagination run wild! School will be creating class scarecrows and plan to take our pupils on a village walk on judging day, to admire all of the works of art! If you would like to enter, please email me on: head@broughton-pri.cumbria.sch.uk with your scarecrow theme and your address so that we can add it to our map. The £5.00 entry fee can be sent into our school office in a sealed envelope with your name and address marked on the envelope.

Costa van:

Our first attempt at having the Costa Van visit our school was sadly unsuccessful as they were unable to attend due to generator problems. However, they have rescheduled and plan to visit us in our school car park tomorrow afternoon at 2.30-3.30pm. Feel free to order when you are collecting your child!

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 25th April 5-5.30pm: Year 2 information evening about the Bassenfell visit in the school hall
- Monday 2nd May Bank holiday
- Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th May: Derwent Hill residential for Year 3/4 pupils
- Monday 9th Thursday 12th May: Year 6 SATs week
- Monday 16th Tuesday 17th May: Bassenfell residential visit for Year 2 pupils
- Monday 23rd-Friday 27th May 11-12: Year 6 swimming sessions
- Thursday 26th May 5 6.15pm: Early Years and Key-Stage 1 KABS disco in school hall
- Thursday 26th May 6.30 8pm: Key-Stage 2 KABS disco in school hall
- Friday 27th May Jubilee picnic in school for all pupils
- Friday 27th May Break up for half-term

Kind regards,

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Mrs A Bewsher - Headteacher