



Broughton-in-Furness CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 1

8th September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our parents! We hope you will enjoy the term and the many exciting activities we have planned. If any parents have skills or talents they would be happy to share with a small group of children, please get in touch as we would love to work with you!

School Crossing lights: We are delighted to let you know that after lengthy discussions with the Highways department during the past year (many thanks go to Annette Carmichael and the Parish council for their contribution), they have agreed and arranged to automate the school flashing lights on the road from September 2016. The lights will be active between the times of 8.15-9.05am, 3.15-3.45pm and 4.15-4.45pm (to take account of any Afterschool clubs finishing at 4.30pm). These will hopefully help to safeguard our children as they arrive and leave school each day. I have also been assured that they are in the process of adding signage to notify road users to reduce their speed to 20 when the lights are flashing and further markings on the road, both in front of the school to indicate our entrance and further back in the form of rumble strips to heighten awareness of our children as they walk to or from school. This is welcome news and I would be grateful if you could all keep an eye on the lights and let school know if they do not flash between these times!

Wet mornings: From this term, when it is raining in the mornings and children come straight into school, Class 1 children should continue to be taken round through the small playground to their door, where either Mr Knaggs or Mrs Hull will be there to receive them. Classes 2 and 3 should go directly to their outside classroom doors instead where Mr Livesey and Mrs Warrenner will greet them. I will try to be in the playground to facilitate this but can I remind parents to be very careful when manoeuvring in the playground on such days to ensure our children remain safe. Thank you for your support.

Tuckshop is available at morning playtime. *Plain digestive biscuit 5p.*

Praise Assembly – Our Friday Praise Assemblies will resume on Friday, 9th September at 3pm. Everyone welcome - come and see what we have been doing!

Music in school: Recorder lessons have started for all children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 each Thursday morning. It is preferable for children to have and bring their own recorder, this allows children to practise at home and avoids hygiene issues which could arise from shared recorders. Recorders can be bought locally from music shops in Ulverston or Dalton, or ordered through Amazon (NB please avoid the toy version which is generally multi coloured). Music books were allocated to children last year and should also be brought into school each week.

Additional weekly music session for each class with Mr Russ Thompson will continue on a Wednesday afternoon starting on 21th September. The children will enjoy practical, topic themed lessons with the emphasis on enjoyment and enrichment.

Swimming lessons: Children in Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 will start swimming lessons at Ecclegriggs on Tuesday afternoons, beginning Tuesday 13th September and continuing for 10 sessions.

Children will need to bring a bag with their swimsuits and a towel. It will also be important to remember a coat on that day. *We also request that girls wear a one-piece swimsuit, long hair should be tied back, and no earrings please.*

Class 1: Every day Class 1 will have the opportunity to develop their gross motor skills. Children are welcome to bring a scooter or balance bike to school which they can use in these activities. These should be put in the outside area between the school and nursery.



Open Door: Just a reminder that our staff are always pleased to see you and would prefer you came to talk to them directly if you have any queries or feel you would like some more information about your child's progress.

Severe Allergic Reaction - We have two children in school who suffer from severe allergic reactions, one of which has severe allergies to certain foods. Subsequently, although we have already spoken to the children, we would like to make everyone aware of the precautions we are taking and would respectfully ask for your help so that the message is reinforced at home.

A care plan is in place which emphasises the following:

- PLEASE DO NOT SHARE YOUR FOOD WITH OTHER CHILDREN.
 - Always wash hands before and after lunch.
- Thank you for your support.

I would also like to remind parents that, as a healthy school, snacks which are sent for your child's break should be healthy (fruit or a plain biscuit would be appropriate) and packed separately from children's lunchboxes. Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 will be offered a fruit snack daily as part of the "School Fruit and Vegetable scheme." Please do not send chocolate or chocolate covered snacks. It is also worth noting that, as snacks are eaten during morning break, they are not given too many items to manage. This also applies to lunch boxes and we would encourage parents to pack a balanced, healthy lunch.

Midday Supervisor: We are still looking for a lovely, friendly mid-day supervisor to join our existing small team of 2. The position is part-time for 2 days per week, to start as soon as possible-The days can be either: Monday/Tuesday, Thursday/Friday or Monday/ Friday. Please contact Mrs Graham-Kevan if you are interested. Thank you!

Extra School Activities:

Breakfast Club	Daily	8-8.50am	£3.00 per session
After School Club	Daily	3.30-6pm	£6.50 per session
French Club	Monday	12.30-1pm	
Football Team practice	Tuesday	3.30-4.30pm	Y4-6 from 13th September
Film Club	Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm	Y2-6 from 14th September
Multiskills	Thursday	3.30-4.30pm	£1 per session

With this letter you should receive any information relevant to the afterschool activities which will be starting in school next week. If you would like your child to take part, please sign and return the permission slip. Please note that places may be limited.

French Club will start on Tuesday 13th September, places are still available.

Class meetings: This year, all classes will be holding a short information meeting for parents on Monday, 26th September, 2016 at 6pm. This will be to let you meet your child's teacher, get to know a little bit about individual class routines and expectations, our new Dojo rewards system and any other information we feel would be helpful.

Dates for your diary:

12.09.16-16.09.16	Week 2 Dinner menu
16.09.16	Class 3 trip to Furness Abbey
19.09.16	School photographs - individual and family
13.09.16	Dahlicious Dress up Day to celebrate Roald Dahl's Birthday: <i>Come to school dressed as your favourite Roald Dahl character - No charge-just for the fun of it!</i>
07.10.16	Class 3 Science show at Millom School
19&20.10.16	Parent's Evenings
24.10.15-28.10.16	Half Term holiday

Don't forget you can now find us on Facebook too!

Thank you!

Mrs J Graham-Kevan