

# Broughton Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school at the start of the new term and we are all looking forward to the year ahead. I would also like to welcome all our new families both in school and the nursery to Broughton and we look forward to seeing you at future events. I would like to remind all families that our school website provides us with a very effective way of communicating and reaching out to the whole community. This is updated regularly and is where we share our successes, achievements and general work and life of the school.

A reminder of the website address - [www.broughtonprimary.org](http://www.broughtonprimary.org)

**Snapshot Week:** Last week was snapshot week in school. Primary 2 – Primary 7 recorded their learning in their snapshot jotter which will then come home for you to share together and then return to school. Nursery – Primary 1 recorded their learning during snapshot week on Twitter. The link below can be used to look back at their week. There is also a direct link on the school website.

[https://twitter.com/Broughton\\_PS](https://twitter.com/Broughton_PS)

**Diversity Focus Week:** As we have such a diverse and multi-cultural community here at Broughton we have again chosen, as part of our curriculum, to have a whole school 'Diversity' focus week, during week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February, We will finish the week with a whole school house morning, where the children will work in their house groups. We encourage all pupils to wear a top in the colour of their own house for the day.



**International Café** The PSA are hosting an International Cafe in the school dining hall on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 11.30-13.00, to coincide with Diversity Week at school. All children, parents and carers are warmly invited to come along to sample some cuisine from around the world.

**Parent Consultation Meetings:** Parent Consultations with your child will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1-4pm and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 5-8pm. An appointment letter will be issued nearer the time.

**Whole School Drop In:** Our next whole school drop in will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March where parents/carers are invited to come in and share in your child's learning. P1&2 parents are invited into class at 11.30 and P3-7 at 12.00.

**Anti Swearing Campaign:** As a whole school community we are very aware that the use of inappropriate language is unacceptable and not okay. We would therefore like to invite you to join us in our "We say it's not okay" campaign. Over future weeks we will be talking to the children and learning about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child article 29 "***Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.***" We hope you will support us as we say "Dare not to swear" to the use of inappropriate language in our school community.

**Holidays/Lateness/Absence/Illness :**



**Lateness:** I would like to remind all parents of the importance of punctuality in giving children a good start to their school day. Late arrival can create an unsettling beginning to their day and important information, instructions and teaching points can be missed. Please make every effort to ensure that your child arrives on time for school.

**Holiday Absence:** Can I remind you that **all** holiday requests must be put in writing. I would also remind you that holidays during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and will generally be recorded as unauthorised absence. Removing your child from school during term time results in your child missing vital teaching, and impacts on their progress.

**All Absences (Illness/Appointments etc): Please telephone the school on the first day of your child's absence.** In line with Children and Families Department policy, if no phone call has been received by 9.30am, we will contact you. This is done to ensure the safety of your child.

**Illness:** Please do not send your child to school if they are ill. Council policy is 48 hours clear after being sick, before returning to school.

**School Lunches:** Can I remind all parents/carers that it is essential that all pupils order the lunches for the following week by the Wednesday before. This includes pupils in receipt of free school lunches completing the order form to ensure that lunches are provided. If this does not happen it causes all sorts of problems for our school office and the kitchen provider, it can also result in pupils not getting the lunches that they have ordered. From Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January we will be a cashless school and therefore no longer able to accept money as payment. **It is important that you collect your parentpay letter from the school office and register as soon as possible.** If not you will have to provide a packed lunch for your child.

**Staffing Update:** I would like to congratulate Mrs Smith who works in the office on her secondment as an Education Welfare Officer. Mrs Smith starts her secondment in January and will return to Broughton later in the year. Until the recruitment process is completed this will mean that the school office will not always be manned or phones answered immediately. You will always be able to leave a message on the answering machine, which will be checked regularly, and followed up. Welcome to Mrs Clark who is the new P4a teacher. Mrs Clark joins us on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. We are currently recruiting for an Early Years Practitioner to work afternoons in the nursery. After a mid-way review of the increase in hours pilot in the nursery it has been agreed by the council for us to now also offer afternoon places.

**Building Resilience:** This term we are learning about the "Keep Connected" unit of our Building Resilience Programme in Health and Well Being. There will be more information coming home over the next few weeks, which will help you to support the programme and talk to your child about it at home. There is also a parent drop in on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in Room 2. You are welcome to come along and find out more about the programme or just pop in for a cup of coffee or tea and a chat with myself, and the Leadership Team.

**Parent Council/PSA:** This term I plan to share our new Anti-bullying policy at meetings before we add it to the school website. I will also be feeding back on a very positive meeting that myself, and the parent council chairperson had with our new neighbours on McDonald Road. We will also be planning future fundraising events. All parents/carers are welcome to come along to future meetings. I would also like to thank the PSA for organising the Halloween Disco back in October, the money from which paid for the new bins in the playgrounds.

**Midterm holiday dates:** School will close for the Mid Term break on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** at the usual time and will re-open for pupils on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. **Please note there is no in-service day, and everyone will therefore return on the Monday.**



**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January: Primary 1 and Primary 7 Dental Inspections**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January: PSA Winter Disco**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Building Resilience Drop In, all parents/carers welcome**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February: Diversity week in school**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February: PSA International Café, dining hall**

**School closes for February break**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: All pupils return to school**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February: Book week in school**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Parent Council and PSA meetings, all parent/carers welcome**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Parent drop In**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Family/Individual school photographs**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Consultations**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Consultation**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March: School closes for Spring break at normal times**

**Thank you for your continued support,**

***Samantha Rushforth and all the staff at Broughton.***