

Head Teacher's Blog

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Welcome Back!

We have been back in school now for our first full week, including our new Primary Ones. I wanted to share with you what has already happened in the busy life of our school.

First of all I would like to welcome all our new families in both the school and nursery. Over the past week Ms Vacher has met with 24 new nursery families and they have already had their first drop in play session in the nursery. I look forward to getting to know you all as the children transition into nursery over the next few weeks.

I would also like to welcome all our new Primary One families and the 6 new families that have joined us at other stages in the school. The Primary Ones have just had their first week of staying for lunch and with the great help of our Primary 7 children who supported them both in the dinner hall and in the playground it has gone as well as could be expected. Staying for lunch is a new routine for the children to learn but all our Primary 7 children have been very responsible and great role models. I would like to thank them all and their teachers Ms Stewart and Ms Ziemons for their help.

The school had their first assemblies this week, which Ms Vacher and Mr Borthwick led. This week they shared with all the children that they are looking forward to the year ahead and promoting a



growth mindset with the children towards the challenges the year may bring.

This week also saw the opening of “The Den” which will be led by Ms Clark. The Den is a newly refurbished room in the main building which will be available for the children to come to during break and lunch time and before school starts at 8.30am. Ms Clark is planning group work in The Den where children will be able to explore their emotions and what can trigger those emotions.

The teaching staff had their first Learning and Teaching meeting this week. This week we looked at the priorities of our School Development Plan for 2018/19 and how they will be achieved. All of the teachers that attended were highly motivated and shared the same vision with me as to how we can work together to make our school even better. I am looking forward to future meetings and training sessions with them.

On Friday I issued my first school newsletter of the session. I am aware that some families have been frustrated at the lateness of some information being shared since we have returned after the summer. I apologise to anyone who may feel communication has not been as good as it should have. Unfortunately, with the refurbishment of the school we have not been able to get any access to the main building until the Tuesday In-Service day. This is more than a week later than the Leadership team and administration staff would normally start preparing for the new term. The administration team and my leadership team have worked exceptionally hard and long hours to catch up with all enquiries and I would like to thank them. Your continued patience is appreciated.

I look forward to sharing with you over the year all the great Learning and Teaching and achievements that are taking place at Broughton. We have had a calm and positive start to the term and there is nothing I have enjoyed more over the past week than talking to the children about their summer and what they are looking forward to this year. Let’s hope the dry weather stays with us for another week!

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