

# Broughton Primary School Newsletter



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## DIRECTOR OF THE WEEK



**Mr Gary Tomlinson**

Hello, my name is Gary Tomlinson, I was born in West Cumbria and I have lived in the village for the last 16 years. I first became a Parent-Governor of the school around 7 years ago when my daughter started at the school and I helped in the transition of the school to an Academy. When the Academy was formed the Governors became Directors but we perform the same role as Governors do.

I see my role as a Director is to provide leadership, challenge and support to the school to help ensure all the children attending the school get the opportunity to develop to their full potential and to promote continuous improvement within the school.

I also have a son with special educational needs so I am also keen to ensure the school provides the extra support to the children that need it.

I am currently the Vice Chair of Directors and the Chair of the Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee. The Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee focuses on improving the health and safety of the school and developing the school buildings and grounds. I have an engineering management background so I can bring my experience gained in industry to help support the school in this area.

I thoroughly enjoy being involved in the school as a Director. It is a hugely rewarding role where you can make a real difference to your local community.

Following an internal advertisement in school, **Mr Matthew Langstaff** has been appointed on a temporary one year contract to cover Miss Robinson's maternity leave, commencing September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. He will be a Newly Qualified Teacher when he joins us as he is currently studying with CPTT (Cumbria Primary Teacher Training) and qualifies as a teacher this July. Details will follow in relation to September class structure and staffing as soon as these have been finalised in school.

Thank you for your patience and understanding last week during the **snowy weather**. It was much appreciated.

**Clubs** are on as normal this week.

A reminder of the **Eco afternoon this Friday**. If you have just an hour to spare please bring your spades and forks and help us in the outdoor area in preparation of the coming warmer weather and planting season. We can't do it without you! Refreshments and Mrs Farley's flapjack will be provided! Thank you.

There will be a meeting in school at 5.30pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March about the **Year 3/4 residential to Derwent Hill**. Miss Eve and Mrs Shankland will lead the meeting and details will be given about kit, activities etc so we look forward to seeing you there. **Your remaining balance needs to be paid by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March at the latest please otherwise your child will lose their place.**

Children will need both their **indoor and outdoor PE kits** in school every day from now on until after Rock challenge on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April. This is because extra practices are happening for this event and PE days may have to change without warning.

This **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 3 – 4.30pm** in Christ Church **free of charge** Jackie Hobden will be making posies for children to take home for Mother's Day. There will be tea and cake available and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. There will be a **Mothering Sunday Service in Christ Church** at 10.45am this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March. There will be posies for the children to take home and refreshments afterwards.

This week the 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March there is a big church project in the County called **Moving Mountains**. As part of this project **classes 5 and 6** will be out of school this Thursday afternoon, during school hours, attending an **'Exploring Living Church'** event at All Saints Church in town. They will be transported by Revd Butland in the school minibus alongside school staff. Anyone who enjoys a **Ceilidh** can go to Christ Church, Cockermouth this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7 – 9.30pm and take part in a free event with music by Travelling Light. On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at Lorton Street Methodist Church, Cockermouth there will be an evening of songs, stories and sketches. Again, another free event.