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Welcome to the latest newsletter

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are smoking outside the school gate. I would appreciate it if parents did not smoke outside the school gates as this sets a poor example to our children.

We understand as a school that our older children may need to bring their mobile phone with them especially if they are walking home alone. We have spoken to children about ensuring they do not use their phones whilst still on school grounds. Please support school by speaking to your children over this weekend about this.

Mr. Jones

### **Sport Camp - February Half Term**

School will be providing a sport camp this half term with Mr Cooney and Miss Addison from Monday 17th February through to Friday 21st February 2020. The closing date for booking will be Friday 7th February 2020. Can I urge all parents who would like their children to attend to book them on the camp in advance to enable the school to be open each day. If we do not receive bookings of 5 or more for each day I will have no alternative to cancel the sport camp on that day.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Mrs Kerrigan

## Introduction of the PTA

We are the newly formed PTA and we are hoping that we can raise lots of funds for the school and organise events that can involve the kids and parents together 😊 Even if you can't attend meetings, it's all about the kids and we'd love you on board!

We have some events coming up that we'd like to tell you about. If anyone can help with set up or clearing up or collecting donations, please speak to Mrs Barker and she will pass your details onto the PTA.

**11<sup>th</sup> February – Coffee Morning** – We would love to see as many people as possible. We will be providing coffee/Tea and a selection of cakes for a small amount.

**25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Shrove Tuesday** – We will be providing the kids with Pancakes and toppings for a £3 donation. Tickets will be available from the office and last date is the 21<sup>st</sup> February to get tickets.

**HELP NEEDED** - if anyone would like to help us get donations of Fruit, Yoghurt and Golden Syrup, please let Mrs Barker know and she will pass your details onto the PTA.

**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 - Easter Raffle** – We will be looking for donations of anything that people want to give so that we can hold a raffle. Tickets will be on sale from the office and the draw will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**HELP NEEDED** – If anyone would like to help us get donations for the raffle, please let Mrs Barker know and she will pass your details onto the PTA

**15<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Disco** – Children will get Hotdog, drink and bag of Haribo for £3 entry to the disco.

### **HELP NEEDED:**

If anyone can be a DJ for both sessions and would like to donate their services, that would be a huge help.

Does anyone have the skills to do face-painting and would like to donate their services?

Helping with set up and clearing up.

**13<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fete** – If anyone would like to have a stall, please speak to the office at School. If anyone will be able to donate their time to help set up the event and clear up at the end, that would be a huge help.

Keep your eyes peeled for any future announcements.

Mrs. Tallack, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Kitchen, Mrs. Mays,  
Ms. Steele, Miss Buckard and Miss Stewart.

## PTA

The first PTA event is a Coffee Morning on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February between 9am and 10:30am

Please come along to support the new members of the PTA!



**Price List:**

**Tea/Coffee – 50p**

**Homemade cake - £1.00**

Thank you for supporting the PTA, the school and your children.



## School Dinners – Important Reminder

As a school we continue to have children ordering a dinner with insufficient funds on their ParentPay account.

**We would like to remind you that funds *must* be on the account before your child orders their dinner each day.**

If your child orders a dinner and there are insufficient funds, you will be sent following text message:

Please bring a packed lunch into school today for your child as there are insufficient funds on your ParentPay account.

The choice of school dinners may be withdrawn from those who continue to send their children into school without enough funds to pay.

**A packed lunch will then be the only alternative to these pupils.**

***It is essential that parents set a reminder on their ParentPay account.***

***Please see the attachment:  
How to set up email and text alerts***

**There is no charge for email alerts.**

### Attendance News

As a school we have worked so hard with our attendance over the last few years. We have made huge improvements in our overall attendance and the number of children who are classed as a persistent absentee had reduced significantly.

After conducting analysis at the end of last term, we are hugely disappointed at the number of children who have missed days off due to holidays. 721 sessions were missed over the summer term due to a child's absence. I cannot stress enough the impact this has on your child's education and the learning that they will miss. It is taking up valuable staff time to deal with holidays, which is then taken away from supporting YOUR children in class.

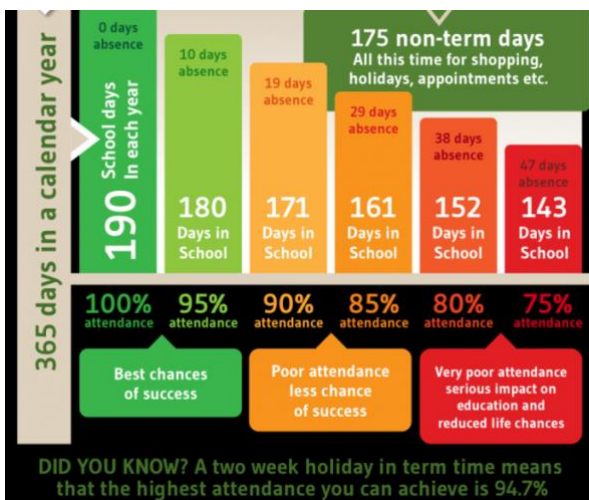
The Department for Education state that,

*If a child of compulsory school age fails to attend regularly at a school at which they are registered, the parents may be guilty of an offence and can be prosecuted by the local authority*

*Local authorities must conduct all investigations in accordance with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. Local authorities have the power to prosecute parents who fail to comply with a school attendance order (section 443 of the Education Act 1996) or fail to ensure their child's regular attendance at a school.*

*The fines available to the courts if parents are found guilty of the section 444 (1) offence include a level 3 fine of up to £1,000. If they are found guilty of the section 444 (1A) the fine is at level 4, up to £2,500 and the court can also sentence them to imprisonment for up to three months.*

As parents, you have a legal duty to ensure that your child is in school. The attendance policy is clearly visible on the school website and all parents are aware that holiday's in term time ARE NOT PERMITTED and where holidays are taken, these families will be referred to the Local Authority for further intervention.



## **Uniform**

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Our policy states that children must wear:

White shirt, **not polo shirt**

School tie

Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with **Bruche school badge**

Grey trousers/shorts

Grey knee length skirts/pinafores

(Grey jogging bottoms for nursery children)

White or grey socks or tights

Black school shoes or ankle boots (winter only) not trainers

In summer a pale blue gingham summer dress may be worn.

### **For indoor PE**

White T-shirt

Navy shorts

Pumps with socks (not suitable for outdoor)

Hair must be tied up for PE

### **For outdoor PE**

*Same as above but children may wear:*

Navy tracksuit

Trainers with socks (not indoor pumps)

(or football boots if appropriate)

Hair must be tied up for PE

Cactus Clothing Ltd supply our school jumper/cardigan and Bruche school tie.

These can be ordered through the school office or purchased directly from Cactus

Clothing at:

Unit 6

the Warehouse Studios

Glaziers Lane

Culcheth

WA3 4AQ

## **STIKINS® Name Labels**

Please quote our number **3041** if you wish to order more name labels as this will raise funds for the school.

Thank you.



**Attendance**

Reception Class – 100%



**Special Mentions**

**Nursery –**

Daisy Jones for showing great enthusiasm with our police topic and making a super wanted poster.

**Reception –**

Paige Reeson for always contributing to every lesson and working hard to complete her challenges! Well done Paige!

**Year 1 –**

George Ruck for trying very hard to listen carefully in lessons. Keep up the great work George, I am so proud of you!

**Year 2 –**

Ethan Blay for excellent explanations in all lessons and having the confidence to share his ideas with others! So proud!

**Year 3 –**

Maisie Maher for fantastic effort in PE and leading her team when working in small groups.

**Year 4 –**

Emmie Rose Lawson for concentrating hard in lessons and trying her best to expand her vocabulary!

**Year 5 –**

Shayne Wright for working really well during science discussions on forces. Well done Shayne!

**Year 6 –**

Hughie Stamper for fantastic contribution to class discussion.

**Early Years News**

We have had a lovely week in Nursery celebrating Chinese New Year. We painted colourful dragons and used these to perform a dragon dance in the hall. We tasted a range of Chinese food for snack and dressed up in traditional clothes. On Wednesday, we found some broken pencils in our home area and we turned it into a crime scene by investigating who could have been the suspect. We drew pictures of the suspects and labelled them. We enjoyed being police officers and wearing police badges to ensure we carried out a good job. We have also learnt about lolly pop people by role playing their role in the outdoor area.

**Mrs. Green**



Reception have had a very exciting week this week. On Monday we were visited by several members of the Birchwood Fire service. The children were able to have a sit in the fire engine and look at all the equipment on the fire engine including Reception's favourite – the hose! The children were also able to see a member of the team put on their full fire uniform and learn about how it keeps them safe. The team also spoke to the children about the importance of having smoke alarms and all the other jobs that fire fighters do.

This week we have also been learning about Chinese New Year. We started by learning about the story of the zodiac and how, in China, every year is related to an animal. We then discussed how this year is the year of the rat. The children made beautiful Chinese New Year cards, lanterns and Chinese dragon masks. We then used the dragon masks to make up our own dragon dance. At snack time we tried some Chinese food and discussed which things we liked and which we didn't. We also tried very hard to do some Chinese writing.

The rest of our week has been spent learning all about Police Officers and the jobs that they do. We have been doing lots of writing all about this and have even written our own incident reports. We have also been learning all about fingerprints, we used ink to record our own fingerprints and learnt about how they are all different.

In maths we have been learning all about 3D shapes. We have learnt that we can describe them as 'solid' and that they have faces, corners and edges. We have also learnt the names of some of these shapes such as; cube, cone, sphere, cylinder and pyramid.

**Mrs. Wilkinson**

### **Key Stage 1 News**

This week we have been fantastic writers, mathematicians, historians, scientists and geographers! In Math's this week we have finished our topic; word problems. We have worked on finding the difference between numbers and completed some extra work on subtracting. To end our week in Math's, we looked at odd and even numbers. We recognised a pattern and noticed that even numbers are in the two times table! In Geography we have worked on our map skills. We looked at a satellite map of our local area and looked for roads, hotels, shops and schools. We noticed that different icons are used for different places on maps and this really helped us. On Thursday we looked at key landmarks around Warrington. We discussed the tea party statue, Warrington Wolves stadium, Manchester ship canal and the golden gates. We are so knowledgeable about our local area, test us and you will be impressed! In History we have continued looking at toys. We created our own timeline of toys and even placed ourselves onto our timeline. We labelled our timeline with toys that were made in the 20th century and toys that were made in the 21st century. We were so shocked to discover that the slinky was invented in 1943 and plastic Lego was made in 1949! In Science this week we started our new topic 'everyday materials'. We looked at lots of objects and discussed what material we think they are made of. We are excited to continue with this topic next week. We have worked really hard in literacy this week to apply the suffix 'ed' to root words. We discussed writing in the past tense and applied words into our own independent sentences. We have also discussed vowels and consonants and we can confidently explain this now! As part of our shared reading sessions this week we have been working really hard on our inference skills. We have been using highlighters to identify key information in short pieces of text to answer questions. The children have really enjoyed this independence and it is clear their fluency is improving so much! We





have welcomed Miss Snow into our class this week and we are excited to work with her until Easter. She will be working with us as part of her teacher training course and the children have been so kind, welcoming and behaved beautifully which has certainly made her first full week very enjoyable! Well done Year 1, another amazing week.

**Miss. Lewis**

This week Year 2 have have been involved in many challenges! As writers this week we have written a Newspaper report. To ensure that we had the correct information for our Newspaper we asked lots of questions around the school. We found out that the whole school had caught sights of our missing Meerkat and they offered their assistance in helping us to find Sunny. Once we had collected all of our information and recapped on Newspaper features we wrote our report. We hope that Sunny will be found soon and returned to Year 2! As Mathematicians this week we have learnt to divide by 2 ,5 and 10. We learnt what the word inverse meant and used this to help us solve many word problems. As Geographers this week we have used compass points to direct Sunny back to our school safely. We also used our directional language to add more detail too! In computing this week we took part in timetable challenges which we are thoroughly enjoying! We also used the IPADs to complete a quiz which tested us on our skills when using IPADs and Laptops. In spelling this week we have learnt lots of tricky sounds and applied our knowledge of our sounds to write sentences. We completed another quiz to check our knowledge of common exception words. We were all so proud of how far we have come with our spellings! We are so much more confident!

**Miss. Kerrigan**

### **Key Stage 2 News**

This week in year 3 we have been very busy. We have had a very exciting day today creating artwork for the PAN art exhibition based on 'the same but different'. We really enjoyed using different techniques to create wonderful pieces of work. In PE we have been working on dances through times, we have learned routines from 1920's, 1930's and 1950's. We are excited to learn dances from the 1970's and present day in the next few weeks. We have completed our third week swimming and the swimming teachers are really pleased with our progress, they even commented to Mrs Magan about how many of us have been moved up groups. In writing we have written our adventure stories about falling 'down, down, down' and have written conversations to be part of our stories and in maths we have finished our multiplication and division topic.

**Mrs. Magan**

This week in English, we have been planning Our own setting description for a scene from our class story 'Escape from Pompeii'. We have used some amazing vocabulary and fantastic descriptive techniques, such as personification, fronted adverbials and similes to bring our setting to life! In History, we learnt about why the Romans wanted to invade Britain. We discovered that Britain had lots of materials that the Romans wanted, see if we can remember some! On Tuesday, we continued our recorder lessons with Mrs Skelton, we are really enjoying these sessions and we are learning lots of musical vocabulary. In Spanish, we are learning parts of the face. We were able to describe our own features and our friend's features! It has been another brilliant week on Times Table rock stars, Year 4 won their battle against Miss Royle! Well done Year 4!

**Miss. Royle**

This week in Year 5 we have been reading and interpreting line graphs. We have discovered that line graphs are particularly helpful because they can be used to predict future events such as speed or temperature. In English we have continued to learn about the extraordinary life of Annie Edson Taylor and have written diary entries in role from the perspective of two of the main characters. We have also used persuasive language to help us to compose a newspaper announcement ahead of her amazing feat. In science we have discussed different kinds of forces including: gravity, water resistance, air resistance, buoyancy and friction. We will examine these in more detail during the coming weeks.

**Mrs. Skelton**

Year 6 have been working on volume and converting measures in Maths; they have been researching where children were evacuated from and where they were evacuated to during WW2 and have used data to construct pie charts, linking together percentages and angles of a pie chart. In Maths, we have also begun to work on ratio.

In English, we have been studying the novel, Goodnight Mr Tom, where we have been empathising with characters, making predictions and using evidence in the text to back up our answers. We have been using the novel as a stimulus to write a variety of sentence styles; we will be using ideas gathered in the novel to write detailed character descriptions.

In Science, we have continued to work on our informational/persuasive posters on the benefits of exercise. We have begun to analyse and evaluate different designs of air raid shelters to give us ideas on how to create our own framed structures to protect us from air raids.

**Mr. Gould**

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Term Dates 2019 – 2020

	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Opening Date</b>
Autumn 2019		<del>04.09.19</del>
Autumn Half Term	<del>18.10.19</del>	<del>28.10.19</del>
Christmas 2019	<del>20.12.19</del>	<del>06.01.20</del>
Spring Half Term 2020	14.02.20	24.02.20
Easter	03.04.20	14.04.20
<b>May Day</b>	<del>04.05.20</del> 08.05.20	<del>05.05.20</del> 11.05.20
Summer Half Term	22.05.20	08.06.20
Summer 2020	17.07.20	

INSET (Training days for staff – children not in school)

<del>INSET 1</del>	<del>02.09.19</del>
<del>INSET 2</del>	<del>03.09.19</del>
INSET 3	03.07.20
INSET 4	20.07.20
INSET 5	21.07.20

<b>Holiday Dates</b>	
<b>October Half Term</b>	<del>21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019</del>
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<del>23<sup>rd</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020</del>
<b>February Half Term</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> April – 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>May Half Term (Whit)</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> May – 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
<b>Summer Holiday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 – 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2020

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<b>Holiday Dates</b>	
<b>October Half Term</b>	<b>26.10.20 – 30.10.20</b>
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>21.12.20 – 01.01.21</b>
<b>February Half Term</b>	<b>15.02.21 – 19.02.21</b>
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	<b>02.04.21 – 09.04.21</b>
<b>May Half Term (Whit)</b>	<b>31.05.21 – 11.06.21</b>
<b>Summer Holiday</b>	<b>22.07.21 – 06.09.21</b>