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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

The children have returned to school after the short break very well and settled back into their classes brilliantly. We have noticed though, that for some children their uniform standards have dropped. Therefore please could parents/carers spend some time looking at the uniform policy within this newsletter to ensure your child is in the correct school uniform every day. We will be doing a check on uniform next week and we will inform you by text message if your child is not in the correct uniform.

We currently have 253 followers on twitter and only '36 likes' and would like to get to 300 followers and 75 'likes' by the end of the year. Please make sure you follow our twitter account to help us reach our targets!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dates for your Diary

7th November – ~~Year 4~~ Assembly (now Y3)

~~8th November – Year 3 Assembly~~

9th November – ~~Year 3~~ Assembly (now Y4)

12th November – Odd Sock Day

14th November – Year 2 Assembly

21st November – Year 1 Assembly

28th November – Year 5 Assembly

7th December – EYFS Performance 2pm

10th December – EYFS Performance 9:15am

10th December – KS2 Performance 6pm

11th December – KS1 Performances 9:15am & 4pm

12th December – KS2 Performance 4pm

13th December – Christmas Fayre (3:30 – 5:30pm)

14th December – Christmas Jumper & Party Day

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

Pump 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

BRUCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Holiday Dates 2018 – 2019

	Closing Date	Opening Date
Autumn 2018		05.09.18
Autumn Half Term	19.10.18	29.10.18
Christmas 2018	14.12.18	03.01.19
Spring Half Term 2019	15.02.19	25.02.19
Easter	12.04.19	23.04.19
May Day	06.05.19	07.05.19
Summer Half Term	24.05.19	03.06.19
Summer 2019	17.07.19	

INSET

(Training days for staff – children not in school)

INSET 1	03.09.18
INSET 2	04.09.18
INSET 3	28.06.19
INSET 4	18.07.19
INSET 5	19.07.19

Attendance Winner

Reception Class & Year 1 – 98.67%

Vivo Stars

Y1 – James Tomlin

Y2 - Lucas Hurley

Y3 - Edward Simpson

Y4 - Jack Shields

Y5 - Archie Genge

Y6 – Megan Falconer

Special Mentions

Reception –

William Callahan for a fantastic attitude to learning and being so kind to all of his friends.

Year 1 –

Kyle Davies for trying very hard to make fantastic choices. I am very proud!

Year 2 –

Elise Clarke for working independently in Geography.

Year 3 –

Frankie-May Donlan and Kaelan Chesman for great engagement in Art.

Year 4 –

Jacob Parry for trying his hardest during English lessons and making brilliant progress.

Year 5 –

Archie Genge and George Williams for fantastic work in maths deriving cubed numbers. Well done!

Year 6 –

Frank Richardson for showing a great work ethic all week.

Early Years News

This week we have had a great first week back in nursery. We enjoyed the preparations for Halloween where children made their own spooky pumpkin faces, spooky spiders and discussed what they wanted to wear for the Halloween party. In Maths this week, we have been working hard on our counting skills by counting legs onto spiders! We ended the week with

a focus on Bonfire night. We spoke about how to stay safe during bonfire night and stressed the importance of always staying with a grown up. We made our own shape rocket pictures using 2D shapes and made rockets using junk modelling. Next week, we are going to be learning about the festival of Diwali and talking about Remembrance Day.

This week in reception the children have made a great start to the new term. They have been completing lots of challenges and working very hard. In maths, we have been finding one more than a given number. We have been using number lines, objects, drawings and number sentences to represent our working out. In literacy, we have been looking at the story Funny Bones and learning all about our skeleton. The children have labelled diagrams of the skeleton and also made their own skeletons using straws. We also read the story Meg and Mog to help us to write our own magic spells. This week we have also been learning about bonfire night and how to keep ourselves safe.

Key Stage 1 News

Year 1 have participated in lots of exciting extra-curricular activities this week and they have all been very sensible! We have participated in a healthy eating workshop and made our own funny pizza faces. The children worked together to sort a range of food into the correct food groups and we talked about what food is good for our health and why it is important to balance the amount of food that we eat. The children then made their own pizza using pitta bread, tomato puree, peppers, tomatoes and cheese and they were so proud of the results! On Thursday we took part in ‘outdoor classroom day’. We started the day talking about why it is important to learn outdoors and what benefits it can have. We completed a nature hunt and made a collage of autumn animals using different coloured leaves. We noticed the leaves were a different colour and

texture to other seasons and we enjoyed comparing the different colours. In the afternoon, we spent some time in our forest area on the field and designed and created our own bug houses. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the day working outside and worked well in different groups! In Literacy we have worked independently to write a set of instructions and retell the story of the 'Naughty Bus'. We are starting to remember to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops independently in our writing. In Science, we have started our new topic 'what is changing around us' and we have looked at the weather, our environment and daylight in autumn. Well done Year 1.

Welcome back everyone! This week in Year 2 we have been very impressed with everyone's Tudor Houses! We are so excited to show everyone what we have designed. This week has been a very busy and fun filled week. We have been on our school trip to the Fire station! We had a fantastic time! We were able to use the hose, sit in the fire engine and even wear some of the protective clothing that the fire fighters wear! We compared how fires were put out in 1666 and how this has changed over time. In writing we couldn't wait to retell what we had done so we decided to write a recount about our trip. We used adverbs of time and even some adjectives. In Maths this week we have been adding and renaming. It was a little tricky to begin with but now we are so much more confident. Well done Year 2 keep it up!

Key Stage 2 News

Year 3 have had a fun filled first week back! We started off the week with a morning of music with our music specialist, Mrs Skelton. We learnt to create ostinato patterns on the glockenspiels, which is a pattern that repeats over and over. We are hoping to show you some of our learning in our assembly next week. On Wednesday, we had a visit from our

school health advisor who taught us about healthy eating. Using a range of healthy vegetables, we chopped them ourselves and added them to pitta breads to create funny face pizzas. We used our learning to write instructions on how to make the perfect pizza, focusing on using a range of imperative verbs. We had a fabulous day on Thursday with our resident artist! We took inspiration from the work of Cora Creed to explore perspective in landscape paintings using mixed media.

Please note that our assembly is now Wednesday 7th November. Sincere apologies for the date changes.

In English lessons, Year 4 have been consolidating their knowledge of past, present and future tense. They have sorted verbs into their corresponding tenses, written their own pieces of past tense writing and even played a memory game where you had to match verb cards together. In Maths lessons, Year 4 have started to look at finding the difference between numbers. We now know that we can use subtraction to find the difference and Year 4 are becoming more confident with using the column subtraction method. In history, Year 4 have been looking at Ancient Greek Gods. We have studied Zeus, Apollo and Poseidon before creating our own Ancient Greek God fact file, to display all of the interesting information we had learnt.

This week Year 5 have been deriving square and cubed numbers and looking for patterns and relationships between them. In English we have continued to work on our class text, Beowulf, by drafting ideas for a descriptive paragraph based on the fight between Beowulf and Grendel. We are trying to improve our vocabulary choices by selecting the most appropriate words and using thesauruses.

Year Six have been working on angles in Maths this week, reasoning and finding missing angles around a point, on a straight line and in a variety of shapes.

In English, we have been preparing to write apology letters from the perspective of Manfred the Baddie, a character from the book with the same title. We have been improving sentences from this text by adding subordinate clauses and using dashes, colons and semi-colons to add related main clauses. In Topic and Science, we have been studying a variety of plants and animals from different biomes from South America, looking at how they are specifically adapted to that environment.



PE News-

What a fantastic start to our second half term, this week has been the starting point for our new topic. Our KS2 children are learning about different types of invasive sports with a key focus on the principles of attacking and defending. As for KS1 they are learning all about different types of ball games, this will include a focus of being able work as a team and gaining an understanding of different types of rules.

PE Star-

Jack Birch for his fantastic communication and leadership when completing a problem solving activity.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly for signs of head lice. If you find eggs and/or lice please treat immediately.



Music Tuition

We have decided to extend the deadline for musical instrument tuition to the end of November. The Halton and Warrington Music Support Service would like to deliver lessons starting in January 2019. If you have already submitted a request, your details will be passed on to them at the beginning of December.

On Monday the 12th November, we would like to mark the launch of Anti-Bullying week by asking the children to come to school wearing odd socks.

Thank you for your support!

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance and punctuality is vital if children are to do their best and make good progress. Research shows that children are much more likely to meet age-related expectations if they have high levels of attendance at school.

Our school is committed to improving achievement through attendance and punctuality and monitors the attendance of all its pupils. Any pupil whose attendance falls below 95% will be monitored. As a parent, I am sure you will agree that your child must attend regularly to ensure that the maximum benefit is obtained from their school education. With this in mind, we now work in partnership with local authority in the hope of improving attendance and punctuality for all children. Please be aware of the procedures that need to be followed in relation to attendance and punctuality.

Gate

The bell will ring at 8.49 am. This is the one minute warning. The gate will then close and EYFS doors will shut at 8.50am. Anyone arriving after this time will have to sign in at the office and your child will receive a late mark for that day. Any child arriving after 9.30 will get an unauthorised absence and they will miss their full morning mark.

Medical appointments

If your child has a medical appointment we are now required to ask for a medical note or your appointment card. If this is not provided, your child will be given an unauthorised

absence mark for that session. **Please be aware that the office staff will ask for your medical or appointment card. This is a requirement from the Local Authority.**

Holidays

Holidays in term time are NOT PERMITTED. Any child who takes holidays in the new academic year will be automatically referred to the Local Authority. It is here you will be expected to meet with an attendance official during a formal interview.

Illness

Please contact the office each day your child is going to be absent. We require daily contact with parents.

Any child who has attendance below 95% will be invited into school to discuss attendance. Children who have attendance below 90% are 'persistent absentees' and will be referred to the Local Authority for intervention and improvement.

Please come into school and speak with me should you have any questions about the above.