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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

A big thank you goes to our PTA who held an Easter craft and tombola event this week and raised over £350. Thank you so much for your support it really does enable us to buy extra resources for all children at school to enhance their learning.

Thank you also to everyone who helped out last weekend in digging over the school garden. It looks amazing and our children can't wait to get out there and start using it again! The children took part in International Day of Happiness this week and really enjoyed Yoga, singing and dance activities

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

\*Please note the amended Year 4 assembly date below\*

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday	27.03.18	Y5 Assembly
<del>Wednesday</del>	<del>13.06.18</del>	<del>Y4 Assembly</del> postponed
Thursday	28.06.18	Y4 Assembly
Wednesday	20.06.18	Y2 Assembly
Wednesday	27.06.18	Y3 Assembly
Wednesday	04.07.18	Y1 Assembly
Wednesday	11.07.18	Y5 Assembly
Wednesday	18.07.18	Y6 Assembly

**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 2017 – 2018

	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Opening Date</b>
Autumn 2017		06.09.17
Autumn Half Term	20.10.17	30.10.17
Christmas 2017	15.12.17	03.01.18
Spring Half Term 2018	16.02.18	26.02.18
Easter	28.03.18	09.04.18
May Day	07.05.18	08.05.18
Summer Half Term	25.05.18	04.06.18
Summer 2018	18.07.18	

INSET (Training days for staff – children not in)

INSET 1	04.09.17
INSET 2	05.09.17
INSET 3	29.06.18
INSET 4	19.07.18
INSET 5	20.07.18

**Important note**

**The above holiday dates were first issued to parents on 16/12/16 in the newsletter – they were subsequently added to the website where they have been ever since. Therefore we do not expect any holidays to be taken during term time in 2017/2018.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

### **Attendance Winner**

Y2K – 100%

### **Special Mentions**

Nursery - Elizabeth Barrett for fantastic phonics this week.

Reception - Evie Chorley and Amelia Chisnall for amazing progress in their writing! Well done girls!

Year 1 - Rosie Owen for a fantastic attitude to learning all week!

Year 2K - Roxanne Barnes and Ewan Gallagher for trying their best in every lesson and completing work and extra challenges quickly!

Year 2GH - Kelcie-Mai Whitely for excellent effort in spelling.

Year 3 - Evie Brookes for representing the class confidently and very maturely this week with a visitor.

Year 4 - Myles has worked really hard in all subjects determined to do his best. In particular, he has been working on improving his handwriting and sharing his work with the whole class. Thank you Myles.

Year 5 - Isabelle Simpson for being so thoughtful and kind this week, volunteering to swap places with people and being so sensible! Well done Isabelle!

Year 6 - Thomas Owen: For making great progress with his Maths.

### **Early Years News**

This week Nursery class have been busy learning about what comes out of an egg! They have ordered the lifecycle of a caterpillar, made ladybird cookies with the same number of spots on each side and practised writing words relating to our topic in sand. In maths we have been learning one less than a number and understanding and counting the 'same' number. Could we also kindly ask for donations of old curtains, sheets and blankets for our outside area for the children to use now the weather is improving. Thank you!

This week Reception have been amazing! They have been working so hard to complete their challenges and have produced some brilliant work. Over the week the children have been continuing with their work on life cycles. We have focused on Caterpillars and based this on the story of the hungry caterpillar. The children have done some fantastic writing using different sentence openers and they have made us so proud with how much progress they have made in such a short half-term! We have also made lovely paintings of the story and written captions to match their paintings. In maths the children have been learning the days of the week and they have used the hungry caterpillar story to help them to sequence the days. This week in phonics the children have been working hard to spot the tricky sounds in words and they have been showing off with how many sounds they can remember!

### **Key Stage 1 News**

The children have been very busy this week and we have had lots of fun! We started the week by finishing our book 'The Lion Inside'. Following on from writing an independent recount of the story last week, the children worked on innovating the story to create their own. This was a very tricky concept but the children tried really hard to sequence their ideas! On Tuesday we celebrated 'world happiness day' and the children participated in a group yoga lesson followed by some relaxing mindfulness! The children enjoyed discussing how it is important to spend some quiet time thinking about your thoughts and we discussed different things that make us feel happy. In science, we have grouped animals according to what they eat and the children are now confident identifying whether an animal is a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. The children worked collaboratively to sort a range of images into a venn diagram. In maths we have had a busy week learning all about 2D and 3D shapes this week. We have identified shapes, sorted and

grouped them, described their properties and looked at repeating patterns. The children enjoyed using their mathematical vocabulary to describe what was inside our shape feely bag! I am so proud of the children's creativity with their project homework. We now have a fantastic display and the children enjoyed presenting their models. Fabulous week year 1!

[Y1 Parents/Carers - Please send in a shoe box or similar into school by 9am on Wed 28th March.](#)  
[Thank you.](#)

This week Year 2K have been excellent writers and mathematicians! In English we have finished our newspaper report and we are so proud of them. We enjoyed asking questions and interviewing witnesses and including what they said in our newspapers. We have also taken part in some roleplay activities and pretended to be different characters from our Hansel and Gretel book. We wrote diary entries of our own describing what we could see, hear and feel in the deep dark forest. In Maths we have focused on interpreting data and reading bar graphs, pie charts and pictographs! On Tuesday it was world happiness day. We took part in music activities, Spanish, yoga and lots more activities that made us happy! Well done to all the children on such a fantastic parents evening, I am so proud of all the children and how they are progressing! Thank you to all parents for all of your continued support.

Year 2GH thoroughly enjoyed International Day of Happiness on Tuesday. We got to take part in a Yoga session where we found out how to use breathing to feel calm. We explored Yoga positions through a story about a unicorn. Mrs Skelton came to visit and taught some new action songs all about being happy. On Wednesday, it was back to work making bar charts and exploring different types of words. Our new Maths topic is

Measure and we had great fun using rulers and tape measures to find the length and width of different body parts. You would be amazed if you read our poems about the things you might find in a witch's cottage; we used expanded noun phrases and subordination!

### **Key Stage 2 News**

This week in year 3 we have been working on equivalent fractions in maths, finding fractions equivalent to a whole, half and even quarters, eighths and thirds. In writing we have continued the poetry theme and have been writing haiku poems, thinking about how many syllables are in each word and putting these together to make a sentence. We all worked very hard to learn our lines for the class assembly and Mrs Magan and Miss Nield were very proud.

Y4 - On Tuesday, the school celebrated International Happiness day! On this day, we learnt happy Spanish words, created a class gratitude chain, took part in yoga, had a music lesson and much more. We felt extremely happy! In English, we are finishing our work on adverbials. We read part of the story of Julius Caesar and had to predict what happened in the rest of the story using adverbials. In Maths, we have begun a new topic on decimals and are learning all about tenths and hundredths at the moment. Christian churches is our topic in RE, we have been looking at how different each one can be and special objects we can find inside.

This week Year 5 have continued to work on The Midnight Fox. We have written in role as the main character, Tom, and written a letter to his best friend Petie. Tom also saw the black fox for the first time and we have imagined what he saw and how he might have felt. In maths we have been converting fractions to decimals and vice versa. We have just begun to practise for our class assembly

next week and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Year 6 have been very busy in Maths this week covering lots of areas of algebra including writing and solving equations, substituting into formula and general reasoning using algebra. In English, we have been looking at the science fiction genre and have been writing descriptions by describing our senses and using figurative language. We used the Cantina Bar from Star Wars as an inspiration for developing our descriptions. We have also had our Happiness Day on Tuesday when the children enjoyed extra music and yoga lessons.

### The BIG Bruche Garden Tidy-up

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to the following people who gave up their Saturday to help tidy the garden:

Mr & Mrs Gallagher, Ewan Gallagher (Y2), Ewan's Auntie Cat, Mr & Mrs Shepherd, Mr Featherstone, Mr Gartland, Mr Holt and Bruche staff.

The weather was atrocious but we battled through and the garden looks great and we are looking forward to new chip bark being delivered.

Special thanks to Mrs Badley for all of her hard work throughout the year in the Bruche garden and her dedication with the children for the annual Tatton Flower Show.

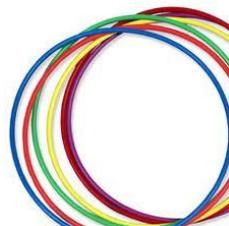


We have our sport relief day on Monday 26th March. £2 donation per child, £1 goes to sport relief and the other £1 goes towards the Hoolanation coaching which Reception to year 6 will experience.

As it is a non-uniform day, can we ask the children to wear sports clothing to link in with the activity being delivered that day.

Thank you,

Mr Cooney  
PE teacher



### Bruche Sport Camp (2<sup>nd</sup> April – 6<sup>th</sup> April)

If you would like your child to attend sport camp during the Easter break please complete the attached booking form with the payment and hand into the school office. There are 30 places available each day so would like to advise parents to book in advance. If your child is new to the camp they will need to complete a registration form as well as a booking form.

Thank you,  
Mrs Kerrigan.

### **Messages for Teacher/Teaching Assistant**

Please ensure all messages for your child's class teacher/TA are written in their planner. Planners are checked each morning in class and dealt with accordingly.

Please also ensure your child has everything they need when they leave home each morning. The office are increasingly busy due to the number of items (book bags, lunch boxes, PE Kits etc.) being handed in after the children have gone into class. This also disrupts each class as items are dropped off.

### **Morning Routine w/c 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

When Mr Warren opens the gate at 8:40am the new entry system will be as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> – Youngest children (Y1 & Y2)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Oldest children (Y3 – Y6)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Any child on a bike/scooter etc. This will allow parents/carers with children in Nursery and Reception to drop older siblings and get to EYFS on time. Also, this allows the safe passage of smaller children through the gate safely.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

### **PTA News**

**The PTA now have a calendar of events for this academic year:**

### **4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Film & Popcorn**

More details to follow...

### **Summer Fayre – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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### **NEW PTA MEMBERS**

We would love to see some new faces join our PTA. If you think you could spare some time for fundraising, please contact Mrs Barker on 01925 815772 or pop into the office.  
Thank you.

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# 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.