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BRANT BROUGHTON CE METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK BEGINNING: 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of another school year. Learning is well underway in school and we feel that your children are already happy and settled into their new classes. They have all returned with their usual enthusiasm for learning and making friends!



As you know from our correspondence last week, the bubble restrictions have now ended and we have really enjoyed getting to know each other over the last week.

Friendships have begun developing across the age ranges encouraged by our mixed lunchtime sittings. The Pandas class have taken on lots of responsibility for the younger children which they have relished.

Please be aware that children are being encouraged to develop new friendships as well as keeping the old ones. This term teachers are able to move children into different seats for different lessons now. Our vision is to do with 'all' and for this reason we would not condone children being expressing displeasure at sitting next to anyone else as this creates an atmosphere that is not conducive to our inclusive nature. Class teachers retain the final say in classroom seating arrangements at all times as only they know the dynamics of the whole group together.

Christian Values



Our Christian Value this term is 'Friendship'. We always really enjoy our monthly visits from the Lincoln based Christian Charity, the Joy Foundation. It was so exciting to see Mr Housam in the flesh this time, rather than over a screen. He talked to us about the importance of talking and listening when building friendships.

Dates

SEPTEMBER

6th – First day of term
17th – Change4Life*
24th – Active English/Maths *
30th – PTA 'Treat Day' (after school)

OCTOBER

1st – Y3 Kabadi*
8th – Sports Crew*
14th – Fitness Profiling
15th – Handball*
19th – Face-to-Face – Parents Evening 3:30pm start
21st – Zoom – Parents' Evening 5pm start
20 – flu vaccinations
22nd – INSET Day (school closed)
Week beg **25th Oct** – half term

DECEMBER

17th – last day of term

7 Jan 2022 - Young Voices, Sheffield

JULY

13th – PTA Circus – to be confirmed

*small number of children participating – separate



Covid Restrictions

Just to clarify following a query this week, once a child tests positive their close contacts will be advised to take a PCR test – this must be a PCR test, not a Lateral Flow or also known as a Rapid Lateral Flow test (30-minute test). There is no requirement to self-isolate for fully vaccinated individuals or under 18s unless they display symptoms or receive a positive test result. If a child displays symptoms, you should arrange for them to have a PCR test (not a Lateral Flow!), however, their brothers and sisters can still come to school unless the result is positive, in which case, they will be advised to take a PCR test too.

Class Learning



It has been a busy week in school with our new projects now established in each class. The Polar Bears class project is called, 'What makes a Polar Bear perfect?' – they have been learning about each other and

what makes each of them special and different.

The Leopards class project is called, 'What is the value of toys?', this week they have brought in their favourite toys and painted them.

The White Tigers class project is called, 'Which festival means the most?' they started their week with a party to consider all the important parts of a celebration.

The Pandas class are considering, 'Is there life beyond earth?' and have been writing news reports about the Mars Rover landing.

All our project have links to the United Nations Global Goals of Sustainability which will become more apparent as the term progresses. Reading and writing are linked to our projects which include stories linked to the subject matter. Maths continues to be taught in separate year groups and follows the very structured, and highly successful Power Maths scheme that we started last year and is now fully embedded.

Musical Opportunities

We are really keen to promote the instrument tuition opportunities open to us via Lincs Music Service and Mrs Lucy Jones (Piano / Keyboard). LMS can provide tuition and instrument hire for almost any musical instrument! There is obviously an additional charge for this but the benefits are huge – there is lots of research these including building confidence, improving memory and co-ordination plus the benefits to mental health. If your child is Year 2 or above and you are interested in taking up this opportunity, then please get in touch via the school office who will be able to help you contact the Music Service or Mrs Jones.



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Lottery

Over the last year, we have gained £488.60 from our participation in the School Lottery. Many thanks to those of you who support this with your weekly tickets. Tickets are £1 a week with the chance of winning a small prize of around £12 and being entered into a larger national School Lottery and winning a really big prize. Please use the link below to purchase a ticket.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play>

PTA

The PTA met on Friday after school, it was lovely to see some new faces as well as the usual committed group. They are full of some great ideas for the coming year, more details will come shortly but see the dates in the blue box on the first page of the newsletter for advance warning!

Parents' Evenings

The dates for this have been set and are added to the blue box at the top of this newsletter. We know that many of you liked the appointments on Zoom while others were really keen to be in school and having a face-to-face meeting with the class teacher in person. For this reason, we are intending to have one evening that will be on Zoom and one that is face-to-face so that parents can choose which is more convenient for them. The details and timings of these will be sent out nearer to the dates.

Clubs

The after school sports club for Pandas class will begin this week, with any additional spaces offered to White Tigers children. Other club information will begin to be distributed this week including choir for Key Stage 2 and netball club for Years 4, 5 and 6 offered to Year 3 if not at full capacity. We are planning to offer a 'Fun Club' to some of the younger children which will be run by Mr Housam of the Joy Foundation (the Christian based charity).

Tapestry

Parents of children who were in the Polar Bears class last year can now download their child's learning journal from the website. You should receive an email explaining how to do this. Please do this as soon as you can as our contract with Tapestry is coming to an end as we move over to a different system shortly. The learning journal contains lots of photos and observations of your child which is a really nice record of their development.

Values Points and Celebration Assembly

As we are aiming to be back in school for the whole school year, we have increased the number of Values Points available this year to 100. Children will receive a certificate for gaining 25, 50 or 75 Values Points. These will be presented in Celebration Assembly.

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We are intending to try a range of formats for Celebration Assembly this year in an effort to ensure that you can still feel part of your child's learning but that it is meaningful and beneficial to the children too.

We will try a 9am start until half term with the aim of finishing by 9:30am at the latest. We will have two classes at a time to share their learning from the week with either Values Awards or Out of School Awards shared. Teachers will be able to award more than one Values Certificate which will include opportunities to reward exceptional work and display of our Christian Values. This half term, each week will be as follows:

10th Sept	New projects and out of school awards
17th Sept	Pandas and Leopards sharing work Values Awards for all classes
24th Sept	White Tigers and Polar Bears sharing work Out of school Awards
31st Sept	Pandas and Leopards sharing work Values Awards for all classes
1st Oct	White Tigers and Polar Bears sharing work Out of school Awards
8th Oct	Pandas and Leopards sharing work Values Awards for all classes
15th Oct	White Tigers and Polar Bears sharing work Out of school Awards
INSET/Half Term	

Parents will be contacted via **Parentmail** on the Wednesday of the week in which their child will receive a Values Award.

Homework

All classes will be / have already sent their project homework sheets out for the term – please look out for these in your child's book bag. At the top of the sheets for White Tigers and Polar Bears, there is an explanation of the homework expectations for the class. Leopards class will have this information sent out to parents separately; Pandas class have already had this information put into their reading diaries.

We are especially keen to promote reading at home for all children and we would ask that parents struggling for time prioritise this over project homework if necessary.