



Dear Parents,

Already we are at the end of the first two weeks of term – it all seems to be going so quickly. This week I have been in touch with Reverend Christine from St Helen's Church in Brant Broughton. We have been really excited to get several church dates in the school diary. Please take a look at the 'dates box' to see where they are – the first one is this week! Please feel free to join us if you are able.

Choir

A letter has been given to those children in Key Stage 2 who have expressed an interest in being a member of our school choir. We have traditionally been very much a singing school and have always had a large and active choir.

For this term, this will only be open to KS2 as we will be working towards taking part in Young Voices in January 2022. This is a national event at the Sheffield Fly DSA Arena along with several thousand participants from other schools. Our school has taken part in this event on another occasion and it was a truly fantastic day. The children have a large repertoire to learn before joining us on a coach trip to the arena for a full day of rehearsals and a live concert in the evening which parents can attend by purchasing a ticket. The evening includes lots of celebrity musicians who take part and is a fantastic celebration of live music.

Due to the commitment required, we feel it is too much for some of the younger pupils in Year 2 who will be able to join choir later in the year, and who will have another opportunity to take part in Young Voices when in Key Stage 2.

Children who commit to choir must attend rehearsals on a Wednesday after school. We will not be able to accept any new members once rehearsals start. If you would like to know more, please see: <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/for-parents/>

Active Travel

Carres Grammar Sports Partnership has launched an 'active travel' event for all of the children to take part in. The aim of this challenge is for school to work as a team and cover as many miles as you can over the upcoming 21/22 academic year. To complete this, staff and children can use different methods of being active to build up your school's total. This can be anytime, anywhere as long as the distance is recorded and uploaded to the Microsoft form attached. The idea is to inspire children to develop healthy habits and to be active.

Dates

SEPTEMBER

17th – Change4Life
22nd – Choir Club starts
24th – Active English/Maths *; New Starter Service at Church, 9am
30th – PTA 'Treat Day' (after school)

OCTOBER

1st – Y3 Kabadji*
6th – Film Club
8th – Sports Crew*; School Grounds afternoon (from 2pm)
13th – NQ Media individual and sibling photos
14th – Fitness Profiling
15th – Handball*
19th – Face-to-Face – Parents Evening 3:30pm start
20th – Flu Vaccinations
21st – Zoom – Parents' Evening 5pm start
20th – Flu vaccinations
22nd – INSET Day (school closed)
Week beg **25th Oct** – half term

NOVEMBER

5th – Harvest Service at Church, 9am
11th Nov – Remembrance Service at church (9am)

DECEMBER

6th – Film Club
17th – Last day of term; Christmas Service at Church, 9am

7 Jan 2022 – Young Voices, Sheffield

JULY

13th – PTA Circus – to be confirmed

*small number of children participating – separate communication to be sent out via Parentmail.



The form below is open now. This is not a race. We would like to see great examples of self-belief and determination to travel as far as you can over the year.

Scan the QR code on the attached poster to log your miles OR click the following link to also log miles. (e.g. this link could be used to log daily mile totals).

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4I_ewOP1L06Lz_HFSzjyi0fKIOtWtv_hGse87nNu9SDBUOVhNOU4ySVpDSzBZUEVONVhPRIMyS1BUMi4u

New Starter Service at St Helen's Church

As per the email sent out on Friday, this will take place this coming Friday, 24th September at 9am at St Helen's Church, all parents and carers are welcome to attend. This will be in place of Celebration Assembly.

Class Learning



This week the Leopards class have been checking their own writing to find out all the things they have done really well and to identify where something could be improved.

The Polar Bears have been reading a book about a polar who didn't want to be white anymore. They have coloured in photos of themselves in different colours and have described their physical changes. They have also drawn self-portraits.



Pandas class have been using marbling techniques with coloured ink to imitate the work of the artist, Peter Thorpe.



The White Tigers class have been learning about the Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival and the Muslim festival of Eid ul Fitr as part of their Festivals project.

Pupil Council

This is another example of a special part of our school that we have been able to reintroduce this year. Each class has chosen the two people that they think would be the best candidates to represent their class on the Pupil Council. The members for Polar Bears are Elsie and Poppy; for Leopards class it is: Eabha and Harriet; for White Tigers class it is: Vinnie and Harry and for Pandas class it is Grace and Flynn.



PTA Facebook Page

The PTA have developed a new and exciting Facebook page which they will update with information regarding their events. You can find this at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BrantBroughtonPTA>

School Grounds

We are planning a School Grounds 'tidy up afternoon' from 2pm on Friday 8th October. If parents or carers are available to help us with a bit of weeding and general tidying up of our school grounds, please feel free to join us from 2pm.

We have a few gardening tools in school but if you have some at home, please feel free to bring them with you. Equally, if you have any leftover bulbs or other things we can plant, all donations would be very gratefully received. Mrs Loftus will be in charge of job allocation with her skills in horticulture!

If you are able to help then your child will come with you, other children will come and help with the supervision of an adult. Thank you very much.

Tapestry

Please be aware that our contact with Tapestry comes to an end this week so you will not be able to access the site after this time. 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. 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

Apologies that some of the dates on the plan for Celebration Assembly sent out last week were incorrect; I have amended these below. Please feel free to join us during any of these.

24th Sept	New Starter Service at St Helen's Church (parents and carers welcome)
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 Values Awards for all classes
INSET/Half Term	
5th Nov	Harvest Service at St Helen's (parents and carers welcome)

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