



BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S
SCHOOL

Newsletter

*"Forward thinking and creative; valuing faith,
tradition, community and achievement"*



'Be strong and courageous' (Deuteronomy)

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Attendance

Overall attendance in school last week was 95%. Well done to Willow class who had the highest attendance at 98.8%

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a difficult week for the whole country, with so many of us feeling the impact of the Coronavirus. In school, our children have continued to work so hard and with such creativity, and we have all enjoyed thinking of our amazing mums and all that they do for us. We do hope that everyone enjoys a special day on Sunday, even if plans have had to be altered. We know that there are a few special creations coming your way!



As a staff team we have worked hard to ensure that the children will continue to have access to a range of learning opportunities, which we have outlined on previous communications. We would also like to confirm that we can be contacted on the school phone between 9am-3.30pm if you need to talk to a member of staff. We will continue to communicate with everyone through our website, with up-dates and activities on Twitter. We will also use Parentmail for essential communications.

This situation has shown us the resilience of so many, and the strong teamwork that makes our school such a special place. We want to thank all children, parents, staff and members of our wider community for giving us so much support.

BRIGSTOCK CHAMPIONS:

This week we have celebrated our Reading, Writing and Maths Champions, and we want to say Congratulations to our children who have worked so hard and shown so much progress this term.

OUR READING CHAMPIONS: Joshua, Jack T, Romilly, Leon, Jamie, Charlie K

OUR WRITING CHAMPIONS: Robyn, Byron, Darcey, Poppy, Charlotte, Olivia, Ethan

OUR MATHS CHAMPIONS: Frank , Hunter, Tilly, Isabelle, Ethan, Sophie, Evie

GOOD-BYE...and WELCOME

After working with us since December 2012, we are saying good-bye to Mrs Schofield from April 20th. She is moving to Brambleside School and is excited to be taking on a new challenge - although we will miss her hugely, of course. She will be with us for the next month, but we are aware that many families may not see her during that time, and we know that you will want to join us in wishing her well. She will be back in school for a proper farewell once the current situation has subsided.

Today will be the last day that Mrs Byrne works with the Year 5,6 class, and we wish her well for the future. All the Key Stage 2 children have enjoyed being taught by her, and our Spanish has definitely improved with her expert tuition. Thank you, Mrs Byrne, we will miss you!

Miss Munro will be joining our staff team, and she will be working across Key Stage 2 on Fridays. We know that all the children will really enjoy working with her.

BAGS OF JOY

Our children have tried hard to think of ways to bring some joy at this time. We are aware that many older residents of the village have had to reduce their social contact, and others are self-isolating. We have put together some bags with flowers and painted stones and we think that everyone will be delighted to receive these. Thank you to our Pupil Leadership team for this lovely idea, and to the Art Club for creating such a lovely gift.



PFA UP-DATE

Although we were unable to meet this week, we are delighted that we have enough money to buy four new outdoor picnic tables for the garden. One of these has been funded by a grant from the Co-Op, secured for us by Amy- Thank you so much!

Mrs Briggs has also prepared some Easter gifts for the children, and we have prizes ready for the Easter Gardens- you can send us photos, or post pictures on Twitter, and we will judge all entries and give prizes. We hope that many of you will enjoy creating these at home over the next few weeks.



HOME ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations yet again to Jack, who continues to impress and amaze us with achievements in the swimming pool. This week he shared five medals with us- done, Jack, we are very proud of you!



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Finally, we want to wish everyone all the best for the coming weeks. We know that many people have felt very emotional today, and we respect that many have wanted to say some farewells, just in case. We want to assure everyone that our Year 6 children will have a special time to acknowledge the outstanding contribution that they have made to our school. Whilst we know that times are uncertain, we continue to hope that things will be back to normal in the not-too-distant future.

Please stay in touch with us, and we look forward to seeing everyone soon. Please stay safe and healthy,

With kind regards,

Sandy Ettridge, Wayne Jones and the staff of Brigstock School