



Newsletter

“Forward thinking and creative; valuing faith, tradition, community and achievement”



Trust in the Lord with all your heart

Proverbs 3: 5

Friday 8th September 2017
Issue 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome everyone back to school after the summer holiday, and we hope that everyone enjoyed a lovely break. Over the summer there has been lots of activity at school. The most noticeable change is on the playground where we have a fantastic new piece of playground equipment. All the children will get a chance to play on this at play-times but **we must ask you to ensure that all children are supervised during the busy periods before and after school as we cannot allow any children to play on the equipment outside the school day.** We are all looking forward to much-improved play-times as we have also purchased a range of smaller playground equipment so that the children can learn and play new games.



With the installation of our new playground equipment we said farewell to the old pirate ship but we were delighted to pass on the flag to its original creator. Paddy Croker, known to many of the children here for his excellent cricket, created the flag when he was a pupil at Brigstock School.



Thank you so much to the PFA for funding such an exciting improvement for our school.

BERYL SIMON CUP

We announced the winners of the cup at the final assembly of the summer term. Congratulations again to Lily, Isaac and Elliot who have won the cup and the prize of having their lyrics made into a song. We have displayed the song lyrics in the hall and on the two outdoor noticeboards if you would like to have a read. Paul Rogers has set the words to music and we will be learning the song in school- we look forward to performing it for you soon. Emma Simpson was a close second, and Paul Rogers will also be setting her words to music. He will be visiting us again soon to work on other musical projects. Once again, we would like to thank the Brigstock Historical Society for all their input into this exciting project for our school.

THANK YOU...

We want to thank everyone again for their generosity in supporting the 'Race for Life' at the end of last term. We raised over £2000 and received a letter of thanks from the charity this week for the amazing efforts of children and adults in helping such a valuable cause. Thank you to everyone who took part or contributed in any way at all.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to those children who have been selected for the school council. They are looking forward to representing their class over the coming year:

YEAR 1- Romilly and Isabelle

YEAR 2- Max and Charlotte

YEAR 3- Freya and Oliver E

YEAR 4- Acacia and Isaac

YEAR 5- Jay and Raphi

YEAR 6- Freddie and Isla

NEW HOUSES

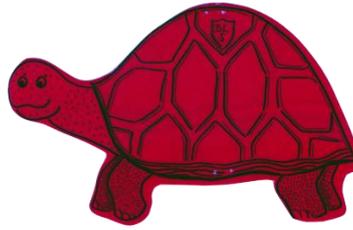
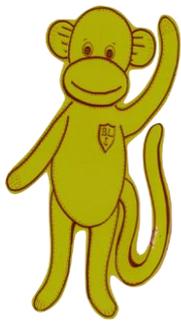
After consulting with the children, we have created a new house for our school in addition to our existing houses. We now have Lyveden (yellow), Fermyn (blue), Deene (red) and Rockingham (green). As we now have four houses there has been some reorganisation of house groups to ensure a balance of gender and year groups across all houses.

DAY 10- BRIGSTOCK SCHOOL VALUES

As a school we value our Day 10 curriculum and we hope that our new DAY 10 project will provide all the children in our school with the opportunity to further develop their skills in a range of the arts, as well as confirm the importance of our school values. We will be launching our new Day 10 unit next week in assembly, with our first session on Wednesday afternoon.

As in all Day 10 projects the children will work in mixed-age groups of approximately 15 children on a range of values-based activities. They will work indoors and outdoors and as groups and individuals. The theme for this term's activities is SCHOOL VALUES, and all the activities have been planned so that the children can work together on a range of activities that will encourage them to see the importance of our school values in their everyday lives. We will be creating some artistic masterpieces (of course!) and we will also be learning about the importance of team-work, kindness and being open to try and develop a range of new skills. Our focus on kindness will culminate in a Kindness Tea Party on December 6th, for our school and village community. We also plan to open our school advent window on this evening.

We will share more information with you as the term progresses, and we hope that everyone will enjoy sharing the outcomes of our Day 10 projects.



Instead of class news, we have sent home a curriculum newsletter for all groups of children giving an overview of activities for the coming term. From next week, each class will share their news on the newsletter. Our classes now have names! From a popular vote by the children, we have named our classes after trees, as follows:

- WILLOW CLASS- Reception
- MAPLE CLASS- Year 1 and 2
- CHERRY BLOSSOM CLASS- Year 3 and 4
- OAK CLASS- Year 5 and 6

We have been proud of the hard work of all of our children this week, and we have chosen a pupil of the week from each year group.

- RECEPTION** **Erin-Rose Nugent** for making such an excellent start and showing enthusiasm for every activity
- YEAR 1** **Romilly Sharp** for having a great transition into Year 1, and for adapting to all the changes really well
- YEAR 2** **Martha Mumford** for making a brilliant start in Year 2 and for some amazing writing
- YEAR 3** **Sonny Ash** for writing a fantastic account of your summer holiday, using lots of detail
- YEAR 4** **Lily Bailey** for working well with Year 3. You showed kindness and helped them find their way
- YEAR 5** **Issy Owen** for fabulous maths work using place value knowledge to add and subtract mentally
- YEAR 6** **Connie Andrews** for fantastic answers in geography and for thinking things through in maths

Thank you all for your support this week, and we look forward to working with you over the coming academic year.

Yours,

S. Ettridge and V. Bull

Diary Dates – Autumn term

September 2017

- 4th – Training Day
- 5th – Children start
- 5th – Coffee morning for Reception and KS1 parents
- 13th – Day 10 starts
- 14th – Full Gov meeting 6pm
- 18th – Reception children stay for lunch
- 19th – Northants Cricket Game for KS2
- 20th – NSPCC Speak out, Stay safe assemblies
- 22nd – TATA Steel Triathlon at Corby Swimming Pool for KS2
- 25th – Bikeability starts
- 25th Reception children start full time
- 26th – Playmaker training for year 5
- 27th – Cross Country at West Glebe Park for KS2

October 2017

- 4th – Harvest assembly
- 10th Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.30pm
- 11th Parents Evening 3.40pm – 5.30pm
- 12th Parent meeting for the year5 and 6 residential
- 20th – Finish for half term
- 30th – Training Day
- 30th – Year 5/6 Residential to Norfolk Lakes

November 2017

- 10th – Remembrance assembly and service
- 17th – Year 5/6 class assembly 2.45pm
- 24th – Year 3/4 class assembly 2.45pm

December 2017

- 1st – Year 1/2 class assembly 2.45pm
- 6th – Kindness Tea Party
- 6th – Opening of school Advent Window
- 7th – Full Gov meeting
- 12th and 13th – Reception and Year 5/6 Nativity and Year 1/2, Year 3/4 Christmas Play
- 20th – Carol service at the Church
- 20th – Finish for Christmas