



Thursday 15 October 2020

The last few weeks in school have been busy. There has been lots of lovely learning going on across the school. I thought it would be good to share some examples with you, so I have created a PowerPoint which is on the website. Please use the link below to watch it.

<https://broughtonprimary.files.wordpress.com/2020/10/learning-at-broughton-term-one.pdf>

You will see in the PowerPoint several slides of art work that Mrs Linda Martin, our art specialist has done with the classes over the past 12 months. The work produced with children is always such a high standard. Mrs Martin will be retiring at the end of next term after many years here at Broughton. She's made an excellent contribution to the school and done so much to improve the skills of so many children.

Bowling Greens

I would like to say a huge thank you once again to all the parents and children who helped with the massive tidy up at Powderhall last Sunday. A huge amount of weeding and tidying was done. The holes in the front two greens have also been filled and a huge thanks to Lukas Szkwarek's company for donating gravel and soil for this. Pauline Oh and her family planted thyme and spring onions in the planter, which is closest to the gate. She is also planning to make some labels for what was planted.

It's looking so much better and having the grass cut last week also made a difference. Classes are using this area during the day for some outdoor learning and all the work done by parents is very much appreciated.

Pupil Equalities Group

We are in the process of selecting pupils from P4-P7 to be part of a school Equalities Group. This group will be working with us to look at our school programmes and policies. The first focus for this will be Racism. Next term we will be appealing for some parent representation on this group.

Halloween

You will be aware that FAB are unable to have the usual Halloween Discos for children, so we thought it would be good to allow the children to come to school on Friday 30 October dressed up. We are asking for a donation of £1 which will go towards Christmas arrangements. Please see the flyer from FAB included within this newsletter. The £1 donation can be made through ParentPay from today.

ParentPay

There are still some parents who have not activated their ParentPay account. Please let us know if you need a new activation code or support with getting started. All school monies are collected through ParentPay so it's really important that all parents are able to access it.

Parent Appointments

Thank you for returning the forms about Parent Appointments.

If you selected a phone call then your child's class teacher will be in touch to arrange a suitable time.

If you selected a video call you will receive information on how to book your appointment on either Wednesday 4th or Friday 6th November.

Hot meals

After the October Break there will be one hot choice on the menu each day. This is a vegetarian option. Meals will still be eaten in class or outdoors when and if possible.

Lego

Thank you for the contributions of Lego that have come into school. Any further donations will be greatly appreciated.

Bike Shelter

Over the October break we are having a bike shelter installed in the lower playground. This will replace the current provision and will be longer to allow for more bikes. We will look at increasing provision for scooters in the coming weeks.

Health and Safety

At the moment we are still doing P.E. lessons outdoors. There is also no further information yet on when Active Schools will resume. Thank you for your cooperation with wearing face coverings in the playground. We would ask that you continue to do so after the October break.

Can I also remind you that there should be no parents in the lower playground before school in the morning. Any P4-7 parents collecting children (1 adult per family) should not arrive before 3.10 and should wait in the designated area.

Parents of P1 and P2 children can bring children into the playground (1 parent per family) in the morning but must socially distance from other parents and children. Once staff come into the playground we would encourage you to send your child to their line then leave the playground.

Please let us know as soon as possible if anyone in your family tests positive for Covid 19. This allows us to inform other parents, where necessary, as soon as possible and therefore restrict the spread of the virus. **The number to call out of hours is 0131 200 2000.**

Please can you also ensure you keep us updated of any changes to your contact details.

Traffic

As you will be aware there have now been two road traffic accidents involving families within the school. I have been trying to organise a meeting with the Tram Works Team since we raised concerns the first week back. I have contacted Senior Leaders within CEC today to try and progress this as a matter of urgency and will keep you updated.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful October Break. Pupils resume on Tuesday 27 October.

Maria Gowans

Head Teacher