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**Shine with the light of Jesus – Matthew 5:14-16.
You are the light of the world.**

10 January 2025

A huge welcome back to everyone this week. We hope that everyone enjoyed a delightful Christmas break, filled with quality family time and cherished moments together. It is always heartening to see families engaging with one another during this festive season and hearing the children fondly talk about these moments at school. This week, the children have settled back into their routines well and it's great to see everyone continue working hard and continuing their love of learning.

I had heard from the community how different the weather in Brinscall is compared to other parts of Lancashire, but never did I dream it would be *that* different! I trust that you managed to make the most of the unexpected snow day, perhaps indulging in some fun snowball fights or cosy afternoons indoors. We apologise for any disruptions this may have caused, but the safety of our children is paramount.

As we embark on this new year, many of us take the opportunity to reflect and create our New Year resolutions. As a school community, we believe it is important to set a guiding intention for the year ahead. This week in worship, we read a prayer about new clothes. We don't put new clothes on top of old clothes, we take off our old clothes and put on our new ones. We asked for the Lord to help us wear the socks of compassion (so that I go where people need me), the vest of kindness (nice and close to my heart), the hat of humility (so I remember to think of others), the gloves of gentleness (to keep my hands from harm) and the pyjamas of patience (to help me to wait quietly).

With this in mind, we would like to encourage families to embrace similar values within your homes when discussing resolutions. Consider discussing and setting resolutions together as a family that reflect these principles—whether that be committing to spend more time together, engaging in acts of kindness, or simply sharing encouragement and support with one another. If you have any suggestions or ideas that you would like to share with us, please feel free to reach out. We are always keen to foster meaningful connections with our families.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a fulfilling and joyful new year ahead!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Joanna Owen

Headteacher

NEWS

APPLYING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE

The deadline to apply for a primary school place for your little ones is just around the corner. This is an important step in your child's educational journey, and we want to ensure you don't miss out. If you know anyone, or have any children, about to start school, please ensure you apply by **Wednesday 15th January**. Our school is always open for visitors and walk arounds. Please contact the office if you would like to organise a walk around. Thanks.

FAMILY FRIDAY – CHINESE NEW YEAR – YEAR 3/4 CLASSES

Our family Friday events have been a huge success so far. This half term we are holding a Chinese New Year Family Friday. This will be for children in Year 3 and 4 and it will be on **Friday 24th January at 2.30pm.**

Letters will come home with the children today, if you would like to attend, please fill in the slip and return to school by Thursday 16th January. Any family member can attend. Tickets are limited to 1 per child initially but we will offer additional tickets from Friday 17th January if we have any spaces left.

Throughout the year, there will be similar opportunities for other year groups to take part in family days. Please keep an eye out for further information!



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – wb 3rd February

From the 3rd to the 7th February, we will be focusing on Children's Mental Health Week. It's a time for all of us—schools, parents, and communities—to come together to support our children in navigating their feelings and emotions. This year's theme, "Let's Connect," highlights the importance of building healthy relationships and creating supportive environments for our young ones.

Throughout the week, we'll be engaging our students in activities designed to promote resilience, kindness, and open conversations about feelings.

On Friday 7th February, there will be a showcase of the children's work at 3:30pm. We know Friday nights are busy, but if you are able to, you can join us in school to celebrate the work they will have produced throughout the week. Alternatively, you can request to see your child's work on Seesaw by speaking to your class teacher.



BREAK THE RULES DAY

How often do you get to break the rules?

On Friday 7th February, we will ask you to bring in a chocolate gift in exchange for breaking up to three rules! The chocolate gifts will be used for our Chocolate Bingo. More information regarding which rules you can break will follow in coming newsletters.

PARKING

As we continue to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all our students, we kindly ask for your cooperation regarding parking around the school premises.

Please remember to keep pathways clear to ensure our children can walk to and from school safely and to remember not to park on double yellow lines. We appreciate that the area becomes busy at pick up time, however, we don't want that to compromise the safety of our children. Please also remember to be mindful of our local residents.

Thanks for your understanding.



ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

YEAR 6: Finlay
YEAR 5: Amelia
YEAR 4: Felix
YEAR 3: Sammy
YEAR 2: Jude
YEAR 1: Anna
YEAR R: Oscar



WELFARE AWARD

YEAR 6: Sophia
YEAR 5: Archie
YEAR 4: Jake
YEAR 3: Robyn
YEAR 2: Zachary
YEAR 1: Noah
YEAR R: Oscar

LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

YEAR 6: Loki
YEAR 5: Martha
YEAR 4: Izzy
YEAR 3: Imogen
YEAR 2: William
YEAR 1: Charlie
YEAR R: Parker





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CLASS NEWS

RECEPTION

Reception class have enjoyed eating their playtime snacks in our snowy surroundings this week. We had fun playing with some of the snow in our water area too. It felt very cold to touch and we noticed how it started melting much quicker inside than outside! We found out that once the snow had melted, it turned into water. We have listened to the story of 'The Snail and the Whale' and saw giant, towering icebergs.

We thought that the snail from the story would have been very cold in Antarctica with the penguins!

YEAR 1

Year 1 have all returned to school full of enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. We have enjoyed reading Sam's Snowflake this week and sharing our experiences of the Christmas Holiday's. In Science our new topic is all about us as 'humans' and we started by playing a game of Simon Says before identifying and labelling body parts. Our English genre is a 'recount' and we have been working hard on gathering adjectives to describe a woodland, our extra challenge was to use the word 'and' to combine our ideas. CSSP are working with us on our gymnastics this half term and our first lesson saw us recapping basic rolls, jumps, travels and shapes.

YEAR 2

Welcome back, Year 2! We've started this year with some new topics. In maths, we have been learning about money. We've been using coins to start to recognise the amounts and then trying to add some together. In English, we've started to read "Desk Diddler". This is a poem so we've been identifying all of the rhyming words and then trying to think of our own. In Science, we've been exploring living and non-living things. We also got the chance to play in the snow, making snow piles and exploring shapes in it.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have come back to school and made a wonderful start to our new topics. One of our topics is "Growing Together", so we have begun to explore how we have grown and what achievements we've made already in year 3. We've begun to look at our new RE topic too, which is "Change".

For our Year of Prayer, we explored light. We talked about how Jesus is a light, so we used torches to see how the light shines in the darkness.

YEAR 4

We're so impressed with how quickly Year 4 have engaged with our new topics! In English, we've started to look at a new story called "Float". This story is quite interesting- there's no words, only pictures! This is giving us the opportunity to expand our own writing by creating detailed sentences that match the story. To understand how the boy felt when he made his paper boat, we got the chance to make our own.

YEAR 5

Welcome back! This week, we've started looking at our topic of space, thinking about Earth's place in the solar system and comparing the planets near to us. This links in with our writing about 'The Martian' we've been doing. The children have lots (literally pages) of questions about space, which we will do our best to answer as many of as possible over the course of this unit. In History, we've started looking at the history of Brinscall. The children have been examining old maps and photos and looking at how the village has grown and changed through the years. If anyone local has anything that they think would be interesting as part of this unit, or would be happy to share any photos of the village from long ago, that would be very kind! In PE, we've started working on gymnastics, one of the sessions with CSSP. We've also had a little revamp of the classroom and children have all been given jobs in helping to keep it running and looking tidy.

YEAR 6

Welcome back, Year 6! We have started to research Greta Thunberg, a young girl from Sweden who is an environmental activist known for contacting world leaders and encouraging them to take action. We have started to learn about how we can make a difference to the environment, just like she has.

Attachments for this Week:

- ✓ Brinscall Lantern Parade