



BRINSCALL ST JOHN'S C/E METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Hello everyone,

I hope you had a fantastic summer break and that you are feeling rested and ready for the new school year ahead. I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to school and share a few updates with you.

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself as the new headteacher here at Brinscall St John's, I am thrilled to be part of this wonderful school community. It has been a fantastic first week back at school, and it has been a pleasure to see all the children settling back into their routines and getting to know their new teachers. I have been particularly impressed by the enthusiasm and positivity shown by our children, and I am confident that we have an exciting year of learning and growth ahead of us.

As we start the new term, I want to assure you that I am committed to providing the best possible education for your child. I believe that strong partnerships between home and school are essential for your child's success, and I look forward to working closely with you to support their learning and development.

As we move forward into the new school year, I want to encourage open communication between parents and the school, I truly believe your input and support are invaluable. If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or a member of our dedicated staff team. We are here to support you and your children in any way we can.

I am excited about the new opportunities and experiences that this school year will bring, and I am confident that with your support, we can make it a successful and memorable year for your child.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education and once again, welcome back!

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Joanna Owen

Meet the teacher

Please join us on Wednesday 11th September at 3.30pm for an informal visit to your child's class and opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Due to safeguarding in respect of After School children, please could parents and carers visiting follow the entrance information below:

Infants: enter and leave through the external infant classroom doors – i.e. the doors they use to enter in a morning.

Juniors: please come to the main entrance for access.

If you are wishing to visit both infant and junior classes, please could you follow the information and not walk through the hall where club children will be supervised.

During this time, we thought it would be a good opportunity for you to also meet some of our new school family, this will of course include myself, Rev Clayton from St Barnabas Church and Mrs Pullin who works in the school office. We will be around school to say hello and have a chat. Rev Hilsden will also be around, although, I am sure you all know her well.



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NEWS ITEMS THIS WEEK



PLEASE SIGN UP TO ASDA REWARDS THROUGH THE APP. IT IS FREE TO SIGN UP, AND IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR PERSONAL REWARDS, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT SHOP IN ASDA WE EARN £1 FOR EACH PERSON THAT SIGNS UP.

Asda reward system is in place now until November 30th 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to us! All you have to do is go on the app, select Brinscall St John's CE & Methodist Primary School and we will start to earn rewards. You will be able to view in the app how much money school is earning throughout the scheme. Any money we can earn, will be used to support our school family.

SCHOOL OFFICE

We're thrilled to welcome Mrs Pullin to our team. She'll be working hard in the school office, always ready to answer the phones and assist with any queries you may have. With her warm smile and friendly demeanour, we're so lucky to have her on board. Let's all give her a big welcome and make her feel at home in our wonderful school community!

CHORLEY GUARDIAN PHOTOGRAPH – EYFS

The Chorley Guardian came into school to take a photograph of our Reception class. This photograph will appear in the Chorley Guardian (usually early October) along with all the schools in the area. The children's names will not be included. If you have ticked "no media" on the permission forms, your child will not be included on this photo.



COMMUNICATIONS – DIGITAL/PHONES

We really try our best to pick up communications sent digitally by families and phone calls/messages too. Although our phone line can be busy, we hope that all families are aware that if they are unable to speak to someone when they call that they can leave a message for us to return your call. When in use, our phone line does not make an 'engaged' tone – if it appears the phone is ringing out without being answered, it is often that all lines are in use.

MESSAGES FOR TEACHERS

Messages for teachers can be sent through either by Seesaw, email or via the school office. Teachers will not respond to Seesaw, emails or calls during their teaching hours, but will endeavour to do so within two working days. If a more urgent response is needed, please pass information through the school office – either face to face, email, phone or leave a message. If I am in the playground, I am also happy to pass messages on

HEADTEACHER/VALUES AWARDS – WORSHIP - FRIDAYS AT 3PM

Parents are invited into school on a Friday afternoon at 3pm if their child is getting a Headteacher/Values award. We text on a Thursday afternoon to let you know via Parent Pay. This will start this Friday.

BIKEABILITY – YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

Year 5 will take part in an afternoon of Bikeability on Wednesday 11th September.



Year 6 will take part in two days of Bikeability on Wednesday 14 October and Thursday 15 October. Further information will be sent home soon.

INFANT MILK

If you have signed up for your infant child to have milk, we have added you on Parent Pay so that you can pay for this term (up to Christmas). The cost is £16.00.



KEYBOARD LESSONS – YEAR 2 TO YEAR 6

Letters are being sent home today regarding keyboard lessons which will be on a Thursday afternoon (after lunch). If your child already has keyboard lessons with Mr Banks, he will start back next Thursday 12 September. If your child is just beginning this term, he will start them off on Thursday 19 September. 22



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CLASS NEWS

EYFS

Reception have listened to stories about starting school and making new friends and we've had fun getting to know our own new friends by playing games together and exploring our classroom. We enjoyed creating our 'Reception Superstar' hats in the creative area on our 1st day. In our role play area we've been making lunch, ironing, washing the pots and looking after the babies. We've had fun exploring our outdoor area where the basketball hoop has proven to be quite a hit! We have been on a tour of the school, finding out where everything is and meeting other teachers and children and we ventured into the hall for our 1st PE lesson where we practised some fundamental skills. Thank you so much for all of the work that has gone in to the 'all about me' books. It has been great to sit with the children and share their pictures. We will continue this next week until everyone has had a chance to share theirs. We have started to explore our feelings by using a little help from the characters of the film 'Inside Out' to help us understand what each emotion means. The Chorley Guardian have also been in today and taken a photograph of Reception class so keep an eye out in the newspaper for our photo.

Year 1

We have created our class golden rules and all signed our names onto them. In Science we have begun our Animals topic and tried to guess the animal from looking at zoomed in images. To support our understanding in Maths, we have sorted ourselves and many classroom items into groups - by size, colour, shape and clothing. Our classroom challenge this week has been to copy mandala patterns to help our pencil grip and fine motor skills. Finally we have learnt what it means to be a 'bucket filler' and not a 'bucket dipper' - please ask your children about this.

Year 3

In English, we have started on our Romantic Short Story based on Pixar's 'The Blue Umbrella'. We spent time trying to order the different eras in our British chronology and we will be focusing on the Stone Age to Iron Age over the coming weeks. In art and design, we analysed a range of famous artists' self-portraits. We learnt how to use a pull throw for distance and accuracy in our PE session. Our theme for the year is 'Let's Grow Together' and we filled in a seed template with three things we wanted to achieve or get better at this year.

Year 5

Year 5 have been busy getting started on their new units, working hard and settling in well. They've been investigating the habitats of living things, starting to read and write about 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne and letter writing, as well as learning their new routines and jobs in class.

Year 2

Year two have had a made a really positive start to the new school year and it has been fantastic getting to know everyone a little better. We have been really busy practising our new cursive handwriting and have introduced some simple letter joins. The children have written a diary entry about their summer holiday and completed some 'all about me' writing. They have written their own class prayers and have used their artistic skills to create 3d hot air balloons and kites with their individual goals for the year on.

Year 4

Year 4 have jumped straight in to their learning this week! We have started our first English unit all about the Disney short film 'FEAST' by thinking about everything dog. In Science, we started learning about different types of animals and what they eat and in History we have started learning all about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings.

YEAR 6

In Y6 we have been thinking about the year ahead and all the added responsibilities that come with being the oldest children in school. The children have considered which roles/jobs they would like to fulfil around school.. Also, whilst writing letters, we also reached out to IKEA to see whether we could persuade them to make a donation of new classroom chairs to Y6 in return for some free advertising from our school. We have started thinking about WWII through our English work, which will also link into our history unit where we will be looking at The Battle of Britain.

Attachments this week include:

✓ Dates for your diary