

# Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 9th September 2022

## Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to school! Over the holidays many members of staff have been busy in school preparing for the year ahead. However, school never seems right without children in it. They are the heart, so what a lovely day on Tuesday when school came to life again with smiling faces, laughter, hard work, and only a little screaming in the very loud storm during lunch time!



There have been lots of new faces around school this week. We welcome new children and staff to our school family. As well as our Reception class who have settled really well, we also have new starters in Years 1,2,3 and 4. Welcome to Teddy, Anya, Valentina, Courtney, Stanley, Ralph, Lincoln, Robert and Beatrix. We hope you have had a lovely first week.

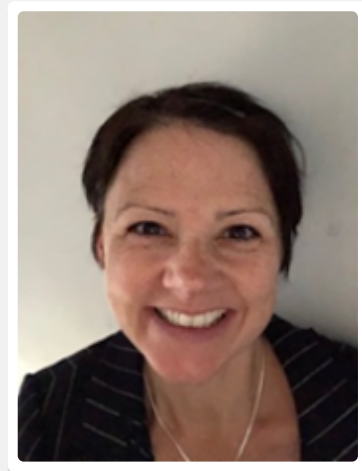
Welcome also to our new teachers: Miss Shamat is the Class 2 teacher (Y1/2), Mrs Jenkins is teaching Year 2 in the mornings and Mrs Talkington who is teaching Year 3 in mornings.



*Miss Shamat*

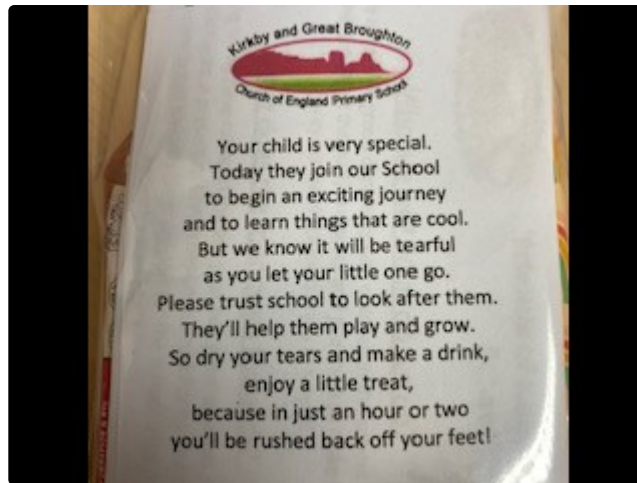


*Mrs Talkington*



*Mrs Jenkins*

A particularly warm welcome to our twenty two new pupils in Reception, starting their school journey with smiles and laughter, forging new friendships as we grow learn and have fun together. A big thank you to the friends of the school who provided parents with 'tissues and tea' on Tuesday morning.



## *Our Queen*

When I started to write this newsletter earlier in the week, we had just received a lovely letter and card from Queen Elizabeth II thanking the children for their letters they sent her on her Platinum Jubilee. We were not to know just how precious this letter would become after the sad news yesterday.

Today we have reflected as a school on the inspiration each and everyone of us can take from her reign and service to us.

Our final reflection with Elgar's Nimrod allowed us all to consider the bible quote:

"Now let your servant depart in peace" Luke 2:29





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To: The Pupils at  
Kirkby and Great Broughton CE VA Primary School

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The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for the letters which you sent to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.

The Queen was glad to hear from you and, although unable to reply to you personally, Her Majesty was pleased to hear of the street party you held to celebrate this event.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in response but, as I am sure you will understand, The Queen has received a large volume of post in recent months and, as a result, it has not been possible to reply to you until now.

Nevertheless, Her Majesty hopes you all had a very happy time at the festivities, and I am to thank you again for your messages of good wishes to The Queen in this, her Platinum Jubilee year.

Lady-in-Waiting

September 2nd 2022

## *Safeguarding*

It is the role of all adults in a child's life to keep them safe and all staff in school have regular training in safeguarding and child protection. You can read our safeguarding policies (currently being updated) on our website. In our school the designated person for safeguarding is Mrs McCormick and the deputy safeguarding lead is Mrs Borwell. We are here to support children and families so please do get in touch if you have any concerns about a child's well-being or would like some support as a family.



*Emma McCormick*

Designated Safeguard Lead



*Lynne Borwell*

Deputy Safeguard lead

## *Our Young Leaders Supporting the Community*

At the end of last term, On Tuesday 19th July Class 4 children celebrated the end of their Young Leaders project with a 'golden oldies' afternoon, bringing the older generation of our village together. They were treated to music, singing and dance performances as well as a game of bingo! The children also brought in a wonderful assortment of refreshments- very much needed on what was a very hot day! It was a wonderful afternoon, enjoyed by all and the children made us all very proud with their commitment to this project.



## *Your Views Matter*

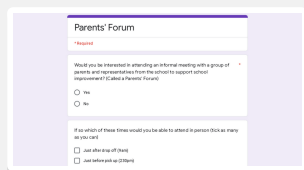
Below are the results of the parent questionnaire sent out at the end of last term. Whilst celebrating the progress we made last year, these results and your comments will help us to plan ways of continuing to improve our school.

One way of working together to improve school is through an informal meeting (with tea and biscuits) called a Parents' Forum. We are keen to involve as many parents as we can so please do take a couple of minutes to answer the questions on the link. We have received 6 responses so far but would love more.

We have also taken into account your views on homework and a separate letter will follow shortly.

Thank you for your continued support.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE	Strongly Agree or Agree	Disagree or Strongly disagree
My child is happy at this school.	94%	6%
My child feels safe at this school.	100%	
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	100%	
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	94%	6%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	88%	0
The school has high expectations for my child.	82%	15%
My child does well at this school.	97%	3%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	91%	9%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	97%	3%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	94%	6%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	94%	3%
Do not <u>know not</u> included		



 Parents' Forum

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## *Wisdom of The Woods*

We are excited that this year we will be able to enhance our curriculum through 'Wisdom of the Woods'. Each class will have the opportunity throughout the year to take part on a Friday afternoon. Teachers will be working closely with David to plan these sessions, which will not only develop their personal, social and survival skills but will also enrich and enhance other areas of the curriculum taught in school such as their geography, technology and science units of work. This term Year 6 will be working on a special project about sustainability whilst also revisiting and consolidating their knowledge and learning from class.

### **After School Club**

We will also be running an after school club on Friday nights for Y1-6. Currently we are looking at Y5/6 in the first term, Y3/4 in the second and Y1/2 in the third term. However, this will depend on numbers and these groups may have to be adjusted. You will receive more information at the appropriate point of the year.

## *Timings*

Just a quick note to remind everyone about timings. The external gates will be unlocked at about 8.40 each morning. Lessons start at 8:45 for Years 3,4,5 and 6 and 8.55 for Reception and Years 1 and 2. If you arrive after this, teachers will be busy teaching and you will need to take your child via the second gate to the school reception. Thank you for your support in getting your child to school on time.

## *Stokesley Show*

As you probably know Stokesley Show is nearly upon us. We will be submitting an entry from all children in school which we will transport to the show and bring back at the end of the day. We will collect any winners prizes which we will then present to children in school.

## *Dates for Diaries*

**October 5th** 9.15 Year 3 Bible Service in school (Year 3 parents welcome)

**October 19th** 11am Harvest Service in church- all welcome

**2nd November** Parents' meetings (face to face). Alternative telephone conversations will be available

**12th December** Key Stage 1 Nativity (afternoon- times TBC)

**14th December 11am** Christmas service in church (all welcome)

Christmas dinner for children

**15th December** Y3-6 Christmas Party

**16th December** YR,1 and 2 Christmas Party



# **ART AND CRAFTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN**

Age 5+

**With Sara Lusvardi  
and Elaine Hall**

**Great Broughton Village Hall  
TS9 7ER**

**Weekly, starting Monday 12th  
September  
4:00 -5:00pm**

**£25 per term (5 sessions)**



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