

Dear Parents/Carers,

# WELCOME BACK!

It's been great to see lots of happy faces coming through the gate this week, all ready for a brand-new year. The children have clearly loved meeting up with their classmates and have all got stuck in to some new challenges already.

• A special welcome to our new reception class and their families. It's lovely to see how they have all settled happily in to school life this week. What a fantastic start!

## <u>Meet the teacher</u>

You are invited to pop into school on Wednesday from 3:15 to meet your child's teacher if you haven't managed to meet them yet. The classroom doors will be opened for you to come and have a chat, find out a little more about the class, share information or update your child's teacher if anything has changed for your child.

# After School Clubs

After school clubs will run from next week. We have lots on offer... DJ Danny, technology, art, chess to name a few.

The clubs change half termly so there will be different activities on offer as the year goes on. We will let reception class settle into school before their clubs start next term. (We don't want to wear them out too soon!)

## <u>Birthdays</u>

Just a reminder for most of you...

To celebrate their special day, the children can wear their own clothes on their birthday if they want to. If their birthday is at the weekend or in the holiday they can choose a day near to their special day. Instead of bringing cakes or sweets to school to share with their classmates the children are welcome to bring in a new book which we will put in the school/class library. The book will be shared in our celebration assembly and an insert will be placed in the inside cover to say who donated it, and the occasion. This way lots of children will benefit from their kind gift for years to come. (Of course, no one is obliged to do this)

#### <u>Harvest</u>

Our Harvest festival will take place on Weds 4<sup>th</sup> October. Year 3 will lead the assembly and their parents are welcome to come in to school to the assembly. The children can bring in non-perishable food donations all from Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. (Tins, packets, jars etc). All donations will be passed on to 'The Pantry' at St Thomas's Church, to be distributed to those in need of support.

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# Some dates for your diary

Here are some dates for your diary. More details will follow.

Date	What's happening	Who's involved
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Swimming lessons start	Year 4
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Outdoor Learning sessions at Haigh	Year 5
	Hall start	
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Meet your teacher	Whole School
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Byrchall Roadshow in school	Year 6
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Celebrations lead by Year 3	Whole School
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Florence Nightingale workshop	Year 2
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Half Term	Whole School
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Back to School	Whole School

#### **Celebration Assembly**

Our Celebration assemblies will start again next Fri (15<sup>th</sup>). A message will be sent out the Friday before from the class teacher if your child has been chosen for an award, so you can attend if you are able to. Any awards or achievements that the children have received outside of school are also shared on a Friday morning (swimming certificates, player of the match, brownie badges etc), so please send them in.

#### Coffee Morning

From 9 to 10:30 every Friday morning there is a coffee morning in the staff room. Please sign in to school via the main entrance. Everybody is welcome to come along for a relaxing chat and a biscuit with other parents.

#### **Industrial** Action

Thankfully, the dispute between the unions and the government has now been resolved. The government have agreed that any pay awards will now be funded, instead of being taken from the existing school budget, which would have meant less money to spend on the children in our schools. There will be no further action this academic year.

We are therefore looking forward to a positive and uninterrupted school year. There are lots of events to come as well as trips, and visitors already organised to get the children excited about their learning, and enrich their experiences at Bryn St Peter's. The staff here are really looking forward to working with you this year to ensure your child has the most successful and fulfilling school year possible.

Sincerely,

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