

Friday 11th January 2019

Message from the head



Happy New Year to everyone. It was lovely to welcome the children back on Tuesday, full of enthusiasm and stories about the holidays. There is lots to look forward to this term: curriculum meetings next week, World Book Day on 7th March, and the Year 3 and 4 shows at the end of term. This term all our topics have a Science focus so we are looking forward to seeing all the exciting experiments and learning which will be happening. On Wednesday we launched the 'Reading Road Map' to Years 5 and 6. This exciting project has been designed to encourage children to develop a passion for reading. Children, parents and educators recommend different up to date books, authors and genres and there is certainly a buzz about this around the school. We will be publishing children and adults' recommendations on our Twitter feed, on the website in in this newsletter so do please look out for them. Happy Reading!

Dates for your calendar

Please check our website for term dates for the full year.

15th January	Curriculum Meetings Nursery, Y1, Y3 & Y5 (3.35pm)
17th January	Curriculum Meetings Reception, Y2, Y4 & Y6 (3.35pm)
17th January	ParentPay Training Drop In
21st January	Sicily to the CLC
22nd January	Corsica to the CLC
25th January	Significant Males' breakfast
29th January	Choir at Young Voices O2
5th February	Safer Internet Day
13th February	Maths Challenge Day
18th— 22nd February	HALF TERM
7th March	Cuba to CLC WORLD BOOK DAY
8th March	Jamaica to CLC
11th—15th March	Steam Week
13th March	Jamaica at CRICK
15th March	Cuba at CRICK
15th March	Red Nose Day
22nd March	Significant Males' Breakfast
4th April	Year 6 to The Houses of Parliament
5th April	Last day of term—school closes at 2pm
8th—22th April	Easter Holidays
23rd April	School Open for the start of Summer Term

Curriculum Meetings Next Week!

Next week we will be holding curriculum meetings for each year group so that you can hear from the teachers what will be covered this year as well as covering topics such as **PE, music, swimming, trips** etc. These meetings are your opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and ask any questions about the coming term/year that you might have. We hope you will be able to attend, which will last around 30mins.

We understand this is short notice, so teachers will provide a summary sheet for those who are unable to attend.

Year 1, 3, 5 & Nursery: **Tuesday** 15th at 3.40pm

Year 2, 4, 6 & Reception **Thursday** 17th at 3.40pm

Friday Teas

Here is the schedule for this term's Friday teas. A massive thank you in advance to all the parents, carers and friends who contribute or lend a helping hand each week—we really appreciate it!

18th January — **Nursery**
25th January — **Earth Protection Team**
1st February — **Year 6**
8th February — **Reception**
15th February — **Year 5**
1st March — **Year 4**
8th March — **Year 3**
15th March — **Year 2**
22nd March — **Year 1**
29th March — **Nursery**



We are here to help.

167 accounts still need to be activated!

Brecknock School is now completely cashless.

If you still need to activate your ParentPay accounts, please do so as soon as possible.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

DON'T FORGET: Afterschool clubs will **ONLY** be payable via the ParentPay website. The second payment instalment is due by Friday 8th February 2019.

UNIFORMS

DON'T FORGET: All school uniform can now be purchased online at ParentPay. Uniform orders can be collected each Wednesday afternoon from the school office. The cut off time is 1200 noon on a Wednesday for collection the same day. Any purchasing made after 1200 noon will be ready to collect the following week.

To pay for clubs or uniform, please log on to your ParentPay and click on this button and all items will be listed there.

[Pay for other items](#)

Afterschool clubs

We still have spaces in the following of our great afterschool clubs:

Arsenal Football—years 4-6—(Mondays)
 Cheerleading—years 3-6—(Tuesdays)
 Arts & Crafts—years 2-6 (Wednesdays)
 Multi-sports—years 1-3—(Wednesdays)
 KS2 Dance—years 3-6—(Wednesdays)
 KS1 Dance—years 1-2—(Thursdays)
 Computer club—years 3-6 (Thursdays)
 Dodgeball—years 4-6 (Fridays)
 Pottery—years 2-6 (Fridays)
 Gardening club— years 2-6 (Fridays)



Reading Road Map

Brecknock Primary School is delighted to announce the launch of the Camden Reading Road Map in Year 6 this week. This is an exciting reading programme that provides 60 new book titles, from 10 different genres, written by up-and-coming children's authors.

This opportunity will be opened to Year 5 pupils after the half-term and next year, year 3 and 4 pupils will also be able to take part.

Each pupil will receive a Reading Road map, with a list of book titles. The map is organised into the 10 genres and uses a traffic light system to indicate the level of challenge of each book.

The Brecknock Challenge is to see if any child can read all titles by the end of the year. When a pupil reads one book they will receive a sticker. When a pupil reads 10, 20 or 40 books...wow!

They are well on their way to achieving The Brecknock Challenge and will be awarded with a certificate in assembly!



!WELCOME BACK LAURA!

We are so pleased to welcome back Laura Lien to the Brecknock Family. Laura departed in December 2017 to take a year's sabbatical to New Zealand. It seems she had a fantastic adventure and had this to say upon her return:

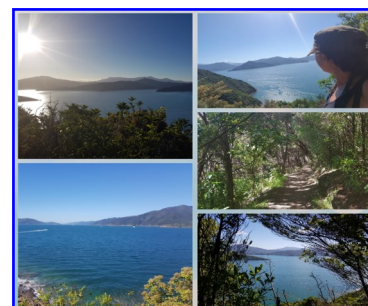
"Kia ora koutou - Hello to you all! It has been so lovely to see the children, families and staff this week and I wish you all a Happy New Year. I missed you during my year away so it is fantastic to be back at 'Brilliant Brecknock'. I spent the year in New Zealand, also known as Aotearoa - the land of the long white cloud. During my time there I spent 5 months traveling around the country inch by inch, camping every night under the stars and hiking to many beautiful places. I also spent 7 months working in a primary school and immersing myself within Maori and other Polynesian cultures which was a unique opportunity and one that will stay with me forever. Please come and find me if you have any questions or you would like to find out more about my adventure, and thank you to everyone for the warm welcome home."



Laura camped in her tent for 130 nights!



Laura thought about Brecknock a lot and missed it.



She went hiking every day to beautiful places.



Laura spent 6 months living in Wellington. She took a job in a school teaching 5 year olds.

