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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term 2022 at Brecknock. This final term of the academic year is filled with many exciting projects, themes and activities. We will be enjoying the warmer weather and venturing outside for a host of community and sporting events. In addition, our whole school theme, *Time to talk; time to change* continues. We will also be continuing our Inside Out: Proud to Share community art installation and taking part in a whole school project called The World Reimagined.

Bridging the two half terms, we have an exciting whole school STEAM project, working with Sean Roderigo, Camden Beeline, and other partnerships to ensure fantastic outcomes for the children and community. We will also be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the end of this half term.

This letter and curriculum leaflet gives further information regarding this term's learning. You will be updated regularly through the newsletter, website and school twitter feed @BrecknockSchool.



Attendance

Ted and Earl will be on the lookout for good attendance and prompt school arrival this term. We will be celebrating consistent and improved attendance as well as time-keeping in our weekly, Star of the Week assemblies. Attendance at school is essential for all children, to support their academic development and wellbeing. We continue to work towards **our attendance target of 97%**.

Our target is to ensure that all children access their right to education. With the summer months and warmer weather we hope that there is less illness in order to ensure the best possible attendance at school. **We encourage you to monitor your child's attendance using Parent Hub to ensure their attendance remains excellent. Please ensure you download the Parent Hub App to access your child's profile.**

Rights Respecting Children

As a **Gold Rights Respecting school**, we consistently focus on the rights of the child and how these help us to develop an understanding of respect and empathy for others. We will continue to use our values when talking about positive behaviour expectations around the school. We are also reviewing our Behaviour Policy and communication about parental involvement in this has already been shared.



In class, the children are praised for excellent work, participation and following the class charter and whole school values. Children are rewarded with stickers linked to the school value they have demonstrated. These values are celebrated during our weekly special achievement assemblies.

Learning in Year 6

The **attached curriculum leaflet** gives you an overview of the learning that will be taking place this term in your child's year group. The start of the term will be centred around SATs, and we encourage children to rest, eat well and complete homework in preparation. We will then swiftly move our focus to our STEAM project on 'Living Things'. Children will have the exciting opportunity to research and grow fungi! These observations will lead to some wonderful surreal artwork, and some exciting writing outcomes. The children will develop their understanding of relationships during PHSE and end the year with a fabulous production.

Throughout the summer term children will be taking part in activities , both internal and external around transition to their chosen secondary school.

All classes will use **Brecknock Timelines** and **Knowledge Mats** to support children to learn, remember and recall key facts about Ancient Rome. They will discover what life was like and explore roman ruins through ancient artefacts, drama and text. They will be reading a range of books on Ancient Rome and we are excited to be studying Alice in Wonderland as our class book.

Trips

We are delighted to be able to plan and take children on a range of educational trips once again. All trips will be risk assessed and you will be informed about them in advance. This term we are planning a trip to London Zoo, and The British Library to find out all about how Romans lived. The children are very excited about their upcoming residential trip too.

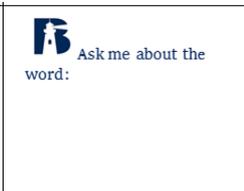
Communication

We send the majority of the schools communications via email, including the newsletter which is sent every Thursday and uploaded to the school website. Letters for trips, dinner money and anything in relation to finance is sent via your ParentPay account. We also send short messages that we need to communicate with you quickly through the Parent Hub app.

The school **gates open at 8:50am** in order for lessons to **start at 9.00am**. **Please ensure you follow the one way systems in place to allow for social distancing.**

Home Learning

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| Homework | <p>Homework at Brecknock is given through Google Classroom. Children have been set up in their Google Classrooms for 2021-22 and homework will be set online. Children have been issued their login details, however, if your child is struggling to access from home, please come and speak to a member of the team and we can reissue.</p> <p>Homework books are available if children prefer to do their homework in this way but we would encourage the use of Google Classroom. Quizzes will be set on Wednesday and must be returned to class, or completed online, by Monday morning.</p> <p>Differentiated spelling tests will take place on Mondays. We also expect children to read every day at home and to fill out their Reading Records.</p> |
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| <p>Reading</p>  | <p>Parental and guardian support is hugely important for developing reading skills, confidence and understanding. Even if children are independent readers, we still encourage parents to read with them or listen to them and discuss the books they are reading.</p> <p>Children need to read at home for at least 20 minutes a day and complete a short daily reflection ('I enjoyed this book because...' 'It was funny when...' or alternatively an adult can write the comment for them) in their reading records.</p> <p>Children's reading records and current reading book should still be brought to school every day as they are sometimes used, and referred to, in lessons.</p> |
| <p>Fluency in maths</p>  | <p>Knowing number facts is an important tool to enable your child to feel confident in maths. Revising number facts, including times tables, is an easy way to support your child's progress in mathematics and we encourage children to revise them regularly.</p> <p>Through their weekly homework, children will be given strategies and activities to support them. Children will also be encouraged to login into online maths resources such as 'Times Table Rockstars', 'My Maths' 'Hegarty Maths' or 'Doodle Maths'. Their login details for specific website resources will be sent home.</p> <p>MOT Certificates are awarded to children in Celebration Assemblies when they have successfully mastered the number facts relevant to their learning and personal targets (e.g. times tables).</p> |
| <p>New words</p>  | <p>Direct vocabulary teaching takes place every day. On a Friday, children choose one of their new words to wear on a sticker. We encourage you to speak to your child about their chosen word each week as this will help them to deepen their understanding of the word and to develop their oracy skills.</p> |

Homework, spelling books, reading books and reading records should be kept in a book bag as these are used/referred to regularly in class.

PE

PE will take place every Wednesday and Friday. Children **will not be changing for PE** so please ensure they wear appropriate clothes for physical activity on these days, including trainers. Please note, we have and will **continue to do a Daily Mile**, so it is important that children wear appropriate footwear daily.

Please see below, a list of key dates. These will be updated when necessary and we will share any updated via the newsletter and the notice board by the school office. As always, we are available at pickup to discuss any queries at the end of each school day.

Kind regards,

Maeve, Sadia and the Y6 team.

Key term dates—Summer term 2022



| Date | Event | Time |
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| Tuesday 26th April | RH Synagogue trip | 2.15 - 3.15pm |
| Wednesday 27th April | RR Synagogue trip | 2.15 - 3.15pm |
| Monday 2nd May | Early May Bank Holiday | School Closed for all children |
| Thursday 5th May | Whole class photos | All Day |
| Friday 6th May | Reception class trip to the Science Museum | All Day |
| Monday 9th - Friday 13th May | KS2 SATs week | All Day |
| Friday 13th May | Eid Celebration | 3.30pm - 4.30pm |
| Monday 16th - Friday 20th May | KS1 SATs week | All Day |
| Tuesday 24th May | Sports Day for Years 2 - 6 | All Day |
| Thursday 26th May | Last Day of the half term | School Finishes at 3.30pm |
| Friday 27th May - Friday 3rd June | Half Term | School Closed for all children |
| Monday 6th June | INSET DAY | School Closed for all children |
| Tuesday 7th June | Children Return to school | 8.50am |
| Wednesday 8th June | School Council trip to Parliament | All Day |
| Friday 10th June | Reception class trip to London Zoo | All Day |
| Tuesday 14th June | Year 3 trip to London Zoo | All Day |

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| Friday 24th - Monday 27th June | Year 6 residential trip to PGL Windmill Hill | All Day |
| Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th July | Year 5 residential trip to Debham House | All Day |
| Friday 15th July | Last day for afterschool clubs | |
| Wednesday 20th July | Last day of the term | School closes at 2pm |
| Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd July | Inset Days | School close to all children |