



Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to a new school year and we hope that you have all had a lovely Summer. Over the past week, it has been great to see all the children back in school looking smart and ready to begin their new academic year. They have all settled in extremely well to their new classes and I know the teachers have really enjoyed getting to know their new classes this week. The children have been busy finding out about the class routines and rules and it has been lovely hearing our families talk about how much their children have enjoyed being back at school.

This year we are welcoming back Miss Rothwell from maternity leave, Miss Aldcroft joining us in Reception and Mrs Horridge working between Year 1 and 2. I am sure that you will join us in supporting them to settle in.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and staff who have joined our Britannia family this week. I know that you will all support them as they begin their journey with us at Britannia. Remember that although it feels sad sometimes to see your child moving on, it also means that you are just moving onto a new adventure.

Attendance

Attendance at school is important and this is closely monitored throughout the year. We expect that children will attend school every day and arrive on time unless they are too unwell. A child whose attendance is below 90% is classed as persistently absent and school endeavours to work with families to improve these figures. This data is monitored by school, the local authority and the DFE. Our target for each child's attendance at Britannia is 96%. Should school have any concerns about your child's attendance, we will get in touch with you. Throughout the year, you will receive regular updates through use of a traffic light letter to keep you informed of your child's attendance. Regularly missing school can result in your child developing gaps in learning and difficulties with social interaction as friendships can move on. Holidays **will not be authorised** except in special circumstances which must be discussed with the Headteacher and the governing body have taken the decision to fine for holidays during term time.

Class Information

This week your child will have received a newsletter which will include useful information about your child's new class and their learning for this term. It will also include a time and date for a welcome meeting for Years 1- 6 where you can meet the teacher and ask any questions you may have about the new class. It also gives your child the opportunity to show you around their new classroom. Stay and Play sessions will be released for the Reception class once they have settled so keep an eye out for the Reception newsletter.



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Important Information

PE days – Children should come to school in their trainers, black plain tracksuit bottoms or leggings, school PE T-Shirt and school jumper on these days.

Reception- Monday and Friday

Year 1- Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2- Thursday and Friday

Year 3- Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4- Tuesday and Friday

Year 5- Wednesday

Year 6- Monday and Wednesday

Year 5 will also be starting their swimming sessions on **Tuesday 12th September** and the children will be attending Mal Pits. Once the swimming sessions begin, children will need the correct kit. This should consist of a swimming costume/ swimming trunks (not long shorts), towel and a swimming cap for long hair. Should your child require goggles you must provide school with written consent for this.

Welcome Meetings KS1 and KS2

Year 1- Wednesday at 3.30pm

Year 2- Tuesday at 3.30pm

Year 3- Thursday at 3.30pm

Year 5- Tuesday at 3.30pm

Year 6- Tuesday at 3.30pm

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs have already started but there are still some spaces. If your child is interested in attending any, please contact the office for further details.

Monday 3.25-4.25pm	Multi skills- Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 3.25-4.25pm	Football for Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 3.25-4.25pm	Choir
Thursday 3.25-4.25pm	Dodgeball for Year 1 and 2
Friday 3.25-4.25pm	Table Tennis for Year 5 and 6

Further clubs to follow and Newspaper club will re-starting on Thursday 28th September.

Upcoming School Events (Please note these could be subject to change)

This half term is already looking very busy and there are some exciting events planned which have been detailed in the table below.



Date	Event	Further Information
13 th September 2023	Roald Dahl Day	Children will be celebrating the life and works of Roald Dahl. They can come to school dressed as a character from one of his books or in their own clothes.
13 th September 2023	Year 6 Sports Leader Training 1.15-3.15pm	Children require PE kits.
14 th September 2023	Whitworth High Year 6 visit	See letter provided.
15 th September 2023	Parenting support course	Coffee Morning 9.15-11.15am at school.
21 st September 2023	Bee Day- to launch our school Britannia Bee Rules.	Children can come to school in black and yellow or dressed as a Bee.
29 th September 2023	Macmillan Fundraising afternoon – cake sale	Donations of cakes for the MacMillan afternoon would be appreciated.
29 th September 2023	Gold Book Assembly, 9.00 a.m.	
6 th October 2023	Harvest assembly	Children to bring in donations for the local food bank.
9 th -13 th October 2023	Book Fair in school	
16 th October	Parents conferencing	Further details will follow - this will be a face to face event.
18 th October	Flu Vaccinations	
19 th October	Individual school photographs	
20 th October	Year 6 Assembly	Parents welcome to attend
	Whole school Welly Walk	Volunteers required for the walk.

Reading

Reading remains a key focus for the children at Britannia and we will continue to be developing and enhancing our reading material for the children throughout the year. Please support your child with their reading throughout the school – it is a vital skill they need for the future. Reading regularly with your child enhances life chances and supports academic success. Children should aim to be reading each day and this should be recorded in their reading records. The library will be up and running shortly and you will be notified of further details in due course.

PTFA

Our PTFA are always looking for ways to raise much needed funds for the school so if you are interested in supporting the school we welcome new members and volunteers. The first meeting will take place on **Wednesday 20th September at 9am**. Come along and get involved!



It promises to be a very exciting academic year and we look forward to working with you all again this year. If you require any further information please contact the school office on 01706 874447 or via email on bursar@britannia.lancs.sch.uk.

Reminders for Parents

- **Doors open at 8.45am and the register will be taken at 8.55am. After this time, children will be marked late and must enter school through the office.**
- **Children in Years 1-6 will finish school at 3.25pm and Reception at 3.20pm.**
- **Children should be in appropriate uniform/PE kit and school shoes (not trainers).**
- **Children should have either fruit or toast at morning playtime. Toast can be purchased through Parent Pay.**
- **Please ensure that contact details and email addresses at school have been updated.**
- **Ensure you have downloaded the School Spider App for communication.**
- **No rucksacks– only a school book bag is required.**
- **All stationary to use in school is provided by school.**
- **Children may bring a water bottle containing water (not juice) into school to drink throughout the day.**

I look forward to working closely in partnership with you this coming year to ensure that our children all achieve their potential and continue to shine at Britannia.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs N.Longstaff

