



Bassenthwaite Primary School

September Newsletter 2018



Welcome

Welcome to the new academic year at Bassenthwaite, especially those families who are new to the school.

I am sure your child/children will have many happy years here and look forward to you all participating in the many activities involved with school life. I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday, and enjoyed the seasonal weather and are all raring to start the year.

Annual Permissions

You will have received electronic permission slips on Parentmail that require signing and returning to school.

We would appreciate that all forms are completed no later than **Friday 14th September**. Thank you.

Communications with School

May we please take this opportunity to remind parents that contacting staff via social media about school matters is not an appropriate form of communication? If you wish to discuss an aspect of school this needs to be done through the correct procedure, either by contacting the school office which is manned by Mrs Lord all day Monday and Friday along with Thursday morning or by Mrs Royle in the afternoons Monday to Thursday. You can also contact the office via adminbassenthwaite@keswick.cumbria.sch.uk or by calling 017687 76365. As the office is not manned at all times, we endeavour to read emails and listen to phone messages at break time and lunchtime. Teaching staff are also available at the end of the school day.

Violin / Brass/Guitar Lessons

Violin lessons started this Tuesday at 10.45am. Please ensure that violins and music books are in school every Tuesday. School will once again be providing brass lessons this year and these will take place on a Tuesday afternoon (commencing Tuesday 11th September). School provides the instruments which can be taken home for practice as long as they are returned each week for the lesson.

Guitar lessons will commence next week (day to be confirmed).



Friends of Bassenthwaite School

As a staff we are extremely grateful for all the fundraising events that FOBS organise in order for us to purchase resources and contribute to educational outings our budget would perhaps not stretch to. We look forward to upcoming events this year.

Please get involved with FOBS if you can - the group is an integral tool to keep our school well oiled and moving forward. Look out for details of the next meeting (normally appear on the school doors and on parent mail). It would be great to see you there.

Easy fundraising

FOBS have also created an area on the Easy Fundraising website to raise funds for school without even trying! Many online stores including all the high street ones will donate a percentage of their online sales to charities. All you need to do is log on to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ and find the store you wish to shop from and money will be donated to Bassenthwaite School.

Breakfast / After School Clubs

If you are requiring Wrap Around Breakfast or After School Care until 5pm it is vital we know in advance for the half term as we need to ensure we have the correct staff / pupil ratio. We had occasions last year where wrap around care had been booked and then not used. This unfortunately has an adverse effect on our school budget as we are paying staff members who are actually not required. Unless there are exceptional circumstances all booked sessions will be charged for.

After School Clubs will commence from Monday 10th September. Please sign up for these clubs asap and preferably use the payment tab on PMXParentmail. If you are unable to use the online method then please place payment in a named envelope in the post box in the school entrance.

Author Visit

Our Year 5 and 6 children have been invited to Keswick School on **Monday 17th September** to take part in a workshop with author Tom Palmer. We will travel to and from Keswick by minibus and there is no cost to this educational visit. Keswick School have informed us that there will be a selection of books available to buy and have signed by the author on the day for £5 each. Any purchases need to be made on the day and with cash.

NSPCC Speak Out / Stay Safe

The NSPCC will be visiting school on **Wednesday 12th September** to talk about their programme Speak Out / Stay Safe. Speak out Stay safe is a session available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe. Trained NSPCC volunteers and staff deliver an assembly and workshop with the help of the Speak out Stay safe mascot, Buddy the speech bubble. Pupils are taught in a lively, memorable and child-friendly way. It's an effective way to support our school's safeguarding duties and links directly to the curriculum. By the end of the visit, children feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.



There will be age appropriate sessions for KS1 and KS2 with a workshop for Years 5 and 6. A parent session will take place at 3.15pm which we would encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

If you wish to find out more about the sessions please visit <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe/>

KS2 Kingswood Visit

A reminder that KS2 children will soon be off to Kingswood (Monday 8th - Friday 12th October). The itinerary has just arrived in my email inbox and when I have had chance to peruse and check it is ok I will send out via Parentmail. I'm not sure about the children, but I am very excited!!

We look forward to enjoying a fun packed half term.

Sara Royle

Headteacher