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BROUGHTON BULLETIN

The official newsletter of Broughton CE Primary School

Love learning, life, one another and God

WHAT A FANTASTIC START TO THE YEAR!

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year, and I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all of our families, particularly those who have joined the Broughton family this September. It has been wonderful to see how quickly our new children have settled into school life. From their very first days, they have embraced new routines, formed friendships and become an amazing part of our school. We are incredibly proud of how confidently they have made the transition and would like to thank parents and carers for their support during this important time.

There is already a real sense of excitement and purpose around school. We have enjoyed welcoming so many parents into school for our Meet the Teacher sessions and our recent coffee morning, both of which gave us great opportunities to strengthen the links between home and school that are so important to us and the children.

Many of you will also have noticed that our new building is now nearing completion. After several years of work and ongoing transformations, it is wonderful to see the project entering its final stages, and we are looking forward to sharing this fantastic new space with our children and wider community. We are especially delighted that Bishop Philip North (the Bishop of Blackburn) will be officially opening the building on 27th November. He will spend the afternoon with us, including leading worship, and we are excited to welcome him to what promises to be a very special occasion in the life of our school.

The autumn term is always one of the busiest and most enjoyable times of the year, and there is plenty still to look forward to. Over the coming weeks, children will be taking part in class worships, mentor afternoons, Christmas performances and Nativity celebrations, before we round off the term with our much-loved Christmas Fair. These events provide wonderful opportunities for our school community to come together and celebrate the many talents, achievements and successes of our children.

The Broughton Bulletin will be published on the first Monday of each month, giving you a chance to celebrate school life and keep up to date with key news and achievements. In addition, calendar dates and upcoming events will be shared every Monday, helping families to stay informed about what is coming up each week.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing another exciting and successful term together as we continue to live out our vision of “Love Learning, Life, One Another and God.”

Mr McPhail

“Rejoice in every day of life” – Ecclesiastes 11:8

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MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

A big thank you to everyone that was able to attend the meet the teacher sessions over the last few weeks. It was lovely to see everyone and a great opportunity for us to form and build relationships with all of our amazing families. If you weren't able to attend, don't worry, copies of the information shared can all be found on the class pages on our website.
We also have parents evening coming up next week where you will have the chance to have a more in-depth chat.

OPEN DAYS

If you are a parent with a child due to start school in September 2027 and are thinking of choosing Broughton, please come along to one of our open days over the next few months. The open days are an opportunity for prospective parents to visit school during the day and speak to our senior leadership team whilst having a tour and finding out what makes Broughton special.
Visits are taking place between 1:30pm and 3:00pm on the 7th October,
4th November and the 1st December. We look forward to seeing you there.

WELCOME BRUNO

Many of you will remember that earlier this year we introduced Bruno, our school therapy dog. We are delighted to share that he has settled into life at Broughton incredibly well and has quickly become a much-loved member of our school.
Over the past few weeks, Bruno has been gradually getting used to the sights, sounds and routines of school life and has taken everything in his stride. Whether greeting children with a wagging tail, accompanying staff around school or simply bringing smiles to faces, he has already had a very positive impact on pupils and adults alike.
As Bruno continues his journey towards becoming a fully trained therapy dog through the PAWS programme, we are excited about the opportunities he will provide to support children's wellbeing, confidence and emotional development. His calm and friendly nature is helping us to further develop the nurturing and inclusive environment that we are so proud of at Broughton.
We look forward to sharing more of Bruno's adventures throughout the year, so keep an eye on future newsletters for regular pup-dates!

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting us over the next few weeks and it's a great opportunity for children to purchase some exciting new books and stationery. For every purchase made, school receive commission and, for the last few years, the fair was incredibly well supported by our school community helping us raise over £1000 for us to spend on books to enhance our learning in school. The fair will be open after school on the 8th, 9th, 12th and 13th October from 3:15pm until 3:45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

SEPTEMBER 2027 PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

Applications for reception school places for September 2027 opened on 1st September this year and the deadline to apply for a place is 15th January 2027.
To apply for a place, please click here to visit the Lancashire County Council admissions website which has more details.
Prospective parents can also visit school on one of our open afternoons in the autumn term.

SEPTEMBER 2027 SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

Applications for secondary school places for September 2027 opened on 1st September this year and the deadline to apply for a place is the 31st October 2026.
To apply for a place, please click here to visit the Lancashire County Council admissions website which has more details.
If you have any issues or questions regarding the application process, please contact either Mr McPhail or Mr Bentham.

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PARENTS EVENINGS

This terms parents evening will take place on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October from 3:30pm - 6:00pm. In the 5-minute slots, teachers will discuss how your child has settled into the year alongside a general update on their effort, behaviour and attitudes towards school. Attainment will be discussed at the next parents evening in the spring term.
Appointments will be sent out in the next few days.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to all the parents that attended our phonics and early reading themed coffee morning last week - it was great to see you all! Every month this year we will be holding coffee mornings for anyone to attend and have a chat with staff and other parents. They are a very informal chance to meet new friends, have a drink and biscuit whilst learning a little bit about what we do at Broughton. The next coffee morning is on Thursday 5th November and we will have several external agencies coming to chat to parents including the local PCSOs, school nurse and several others. Feel free to pop in anytime from 9:00am - 10:00am.

YEAR 5/6 KIDS CUP SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to our Year 5/6 football team, who achieved an excellent third-place finish at last week's Kids Cup Tournament at UCLan.
After successfully progressing through the group stage, the team won a tense quarter-final against Barton St Lawrence 3-2 on penalties following a 0-0 draw. They then faced a strong Queens Drive side in the semi-final, narrowly missing out on a place in the final.
Showing great resilience, the team bounced back in the third-place play-off and secured a fantastic 1-0 victory over St Mary's and St Andrew's, a team widely tipped to win the tournament.
The players represented the school brilliantly throughout the day, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. A big well done to the entire team, and thank you to all the parents who came along to support them.

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SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

At Broughton, we are always reviewing our practices to ensure that safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do. As the online world continues to evolve, particularly with the rapid development of social media and artificial intelligence, it is important that we regularly consider how we share information about school life whilst continuing to protect our children and families.

Our current Facebook page has been a fantastic way of celebrating the many exciting things that happen in school and keeping our wider community informed. However, as it is a public platform, the content we share can be accessed by anyone.

With this in mind, we have taken the decision to begin archiving our existing Facebook page and are in the process of creating a new, private page exclusively for our school community. Parents and carers will be able to request access, allowing us to continue sharing photographs, achievements and updates in a more secure environment.

We believe this change strikes the right balance between celebrating school life and maintaining the highest standards of safeguarding and online safety for our children.

We will keep parents updated over the coming weeks with further details about how to access the new page and when it will become fully operational. Thank you for your support as we make this important transition.

PARKING

Please can we politely request once again that you do not park or leave your car in the turning circle outside church. Cars being left here make it incredibly difficult for others to turn around. We just ask that you are mindful of safety and are courteous of others.

Can we also take the opportunity to remind all parents/carers that they should not be parking in the staff car park outside school - especially during breakfast club and stay and play club when it is dark and you may not notice children walking down Church Lane.

For more information, please see the guide about parking safely at school at the end of the bulletin.

A Guide to Parking Safely at Our Schools

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools has become a big problem, putting the safety of children and others at risk. We all want to keep our children safe around schools, so here are some top tips on how you can make a difference.

How can you help?

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off - do not idle
- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass through
- ✓ Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely onto the pavement
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door
- ✓ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians, pushchairs & wheelchairs to get past
- ✓ Take care when reversing
- ✓ **DO NOT PARK ON ZIG ZAG LINES**

Please keep restricted areas clear

- ✓ Zig zags and school entrances
- ✓ Dropped kerbs
- ✓ Resident's driveways
- ✓ Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction- so that children can see cars and cars can see children.

Your questions answered

What would happen if I did park in a restricted area?

If you park in a restricted area you are putting childrens lives in danger and for this reason school parking is regularly monitored and enforced. If you park in a restricted area you could receive a £70 fine.

Am I okay to stop on zig zag markings if I am only there a few minutes?

No, under no circumstances should you stop on zig zag markings at any time, these are there to protect school entrances and leave a clear view of the street for pedestrians.

Please park considerately around our schools and keep our children safe!

Don't forget...

Congestion around schools is one of the main reasons given for dangerous parking and there are other ways you could do the school run...



School Parking

Have you considered:

- Walking or cycling to school instead? This is a great way to contribute to a child's 60 minutes of activity a day and is easy to incorporate into your daily routine. Try it once a week at first and see how easy it can be.
- Parking nearby or getting off the bus two stops earlier and walking the rest of the way. If you live too far away to walk or need your car for your commute to work you can still walk part of the way. Adults in England should aim to take part in at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity each week.
- Car sharing is a great way to reduce congestion and save you pennies. Team up with other parents or carers who live nearby- share the cost and halve the hassle.

If you have a parking concern outside of your school report it to **parking@lancashire.gov.uk**

For more information on this leaflet please email the Road Safety Team at **roadsafetyeducation@lancashire.gov.uk**

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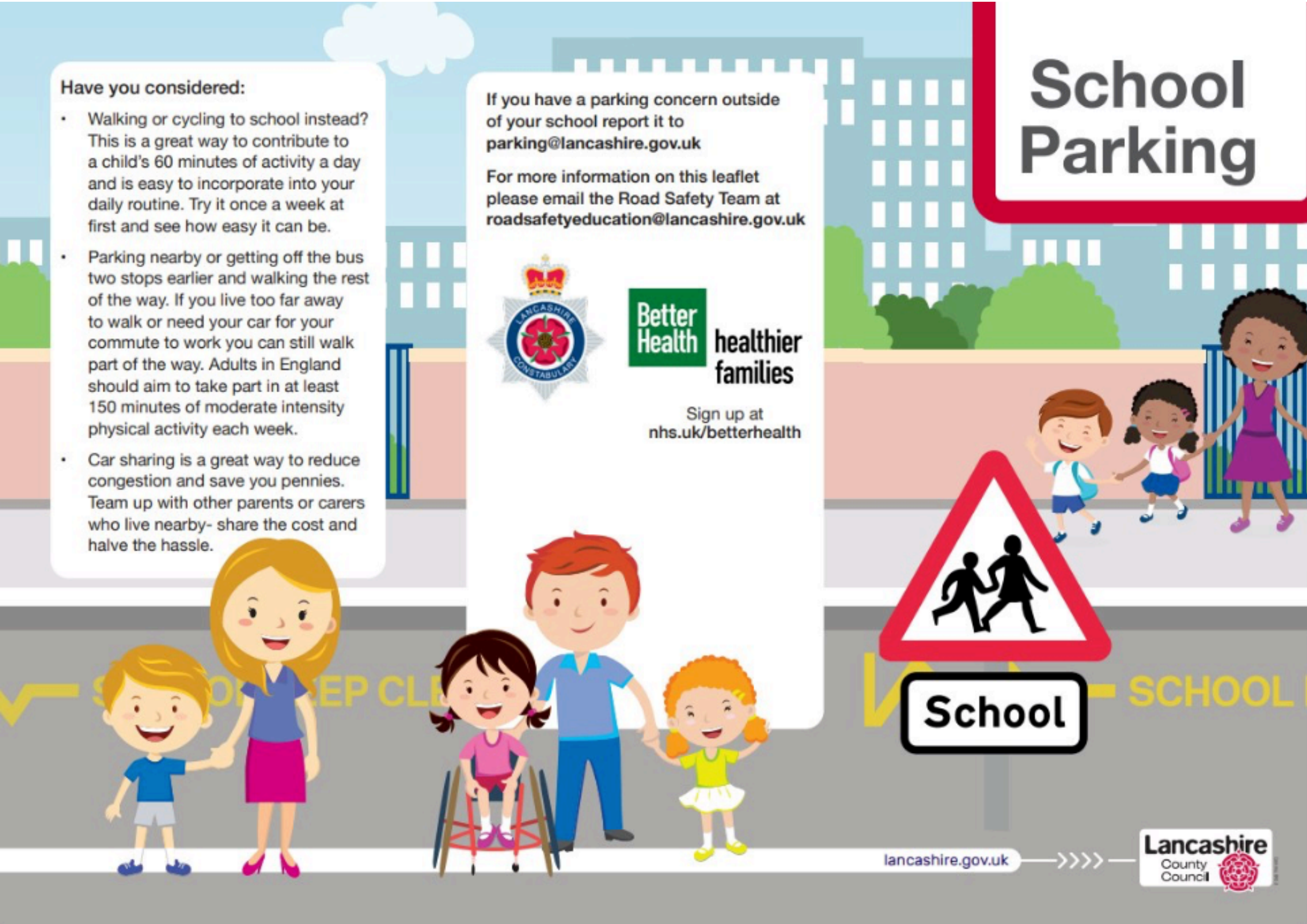

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