



Bickerstaffe

C.E. School & Nursery

Good afternoon everyone,

A huge warm welcome to all our new families joining us for this academic year. And welcome back to everyone else.

We have had a wonderful week with so many new and exciting things happening at school. We welcomed our 15 new Reception children on Monday, they have been with us full time this week and they have settled so well into school life.

On Wednesday we welcomed our 4 new nursery children: Cece, Harrison, Loui and Polly. We have been amazed by these four children and can't wait to get to know them even better.

Our school priorities remain the same, with attendance a key priority for us in school. All children should aim for 100% however our whole school target is 96%. This year we will be carefully monitoring all attendance and if your child falls below this we will let you know and invite you in for a meeting to ensure school can support you in improving the attendance figure. Holidays during term time will be unauthorised and we will be working with Lancashire County Council attendance team to help us in achieving this target.

We will also be focusing on handwriting and times tables this year. Mrs Hunter will be sharing some information with you about handwriting, including guidance and helpful ways to support your child at home. Miss Wilson will be sharing information and expectations about times tables, we will be having monthly arithmetic tests to help support you child in achieving this.

Reminders:

Children must bring a water bottle to school each day, please ensure this contains water. We understand that some children do not drink water and sparkling water will be accepted.

School dinners for children in Yr.3 and above cost £2.50 a day or £12.50 for the week.

Full school PE kits should be worn when children are having PE sessions.

Breakfast club and after school club can be booked directly by emailing requested sessions to Mrs Dowling on bursar@bickerstaffe.lancs.sch.uk. Please email them by Thursday for the coming week. Breakfast club cost £4.50 and After School Club is £5.00 for 3.30 to 5.00. If you only require an hour 3.30-4.30 is £3.50. Payment can be made directly into the school bank account (Account name: Bickerstaffe School Fund Acc no: 45690421 Sort code: 01-06-45) or cash. Please ensure any balances are settled by the end of the half term.

Key dates for this half term:

Wednesday 13th September: Yoga session: All children wear PE kits

Wednesday 20th September: Meet the Teacher at 4.00 p.m.

Friday 22nd September: Holy Communion (Yr3 –Yr6)

Friday 29th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning (Children to bring cakes and money to school)

Monday 2nd October: Harvest Celebration (In church at 9.15 a.m.)

Monday 9th October: Open Day

Tuesday 17th October: Parent's Evening (Starts at 2.30 p.m)

Friday 19th October: Holy Communion (Yr3 –Yr6)

Friday 19th October: School closes for half term at 3.30 p.m.