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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents,

### Headteacher Update

I am pleased to be able to write my first letter as the Headteacher of Bewcastle Primary School and feel very fortunate to have been chosen to build upon the strong foundations of this unique school.

I have taught for 20 years and have worked in a small village school and a large school in Carlisle. During those 20 years I have taught all the different year groups and have really started to understand the importance of a high-quality education and the impact that it has on people's choices in life.

As a father of 2, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. We have a hugely committed team and wonderful children, which of course, is a great place for any new headteacher to start!

The needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways.

The COVID 19 pandemic had the unfortunate effect of reducing community activities/ visits and experiences but this is something as a staff we would like to address. Over the next few months the children will be working collaboratively with other primary schools, attending sporting competitions at William Howard School and being involved in a range of community events, not to mention more visits and experiences such as the very successful trip to Durham to visit the Oriental museum.

I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school.

You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child/children whilst they are members of our school family. Please do come up and introduce yourselves outside school – I will attempt to be at the gate before and after school each day. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Matthew Dixon

## Dates for diaries

### PE

PE this term will be held on a Friday morning by the coaches from GLL. Please can all children bring in their PE kit on a Friday.

### Forest School

The first Forest School session at Brooms Hills is on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September (and then every Wednesday for this half term). All children will be attending forest school. Please can we ask that children wear old clothes, suitable footwear and bring along water proofs.

### School closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Following the confirmation of the official date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II state funeral, school will be closed on this date, reopening on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### Flu Vaccination

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the school immunisation team will attend school to deliver the nasal flu vaccination. Please can any outstanding consent forms be return ASAP.

### School Photos

Tempest will be attending on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November to do our individual school photos.

### PFA 50 Club – August Draw Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Number 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Number 15

Emma will be in contact with the winners.

PFA meeting to be arranged, we would love it if we could get new members to attend. More information to follow.

### Oriental Museum

The KS2 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Oriental Museum in Durham. It made an excellent start to this Dynamic Dynasties topic.

