



Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
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Our overall attendance this week was

95.5%

Well done everyone - let's keep up the good work!

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN:

I am sure that your children have enjoyed their first full week back and are now settled into routines again. The atmosphere in the classrooms is one of purpose and enjoyment and the children continue to impress me with their engagement and enthusiasm.

Once again, we will be moving forward with caution, continuing with existing measures in place and restricting the number of visitors into school. Arrangements for the drop off and collection of children will remain the same, classrooms and areas of school will be well ventilated, good levels of hygiene will be encouraged, and we will continue to significantly limit any mixing of classes inside the school building. I am sure you will understand why we are doing this as we very much want to keep the school open. We will do everything that we can to keep everybody as safe as possible, informing families as and when guidance is changed.

We have had a number of covid cases in school this week and have notified parents whose children have been identified as close contacts and will be carrying out LFTs every day. The symptoms displayed so far have been headaches, vomiting and aches and pains, so we ask parents to be as vigilant as possible if your child is feeling unwell.

The government has announced further changes to the guidance on self-isolation, which will take effect from Monday 17th January. From Monday, people self-isolating with Covid-19 will have the option to end their isolation period at the start of day 6 of isolation if they receive negative lateral flow test results on days 5 and 6, and do not have a temperature. The first lateral flow test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If an individual is positive on day 5, then a

negative test is required on day 5 and day 6 to release an individual from isolation. You must always have 2 negative results on 2 consecutive days (24hrs apart) before ending isolation.

The government has said that it is essential that two negative lateral flow tests are taken on consecutive days and reported before individuals return to their job or education, if leaving self-isolation after the 5 day period. Please ensure that the negative test results are forwarded to the school email address (admin@broomley.northumberland.sch.uk).

The current rules for close contacts of positive cases have not changed. Fully vaccinated individuals who are identified as contacts of someone with COVID-19 should take daily rapid lateral flow tests for 7 days but are not legally required to self-isolate. Unvaccinated contacts are legally required to self-isolate for the full 10-day period. Therefore, if you have not yet had both vaccinations you will be required to isolate for 10 days. (This rule does not apply to children under 5).

For further information please follow this link: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3dec7d97-e4bc-4a69-8fd3-3ab479721a16&utm_content=immediately&dm_i=6L45,FSHC,1G3JZD,1WTM5

We are aware that some children having to isolate due to the virus, may feel well enough to engage with remote learning. Please be aware that there is no expectation for children who are ill to complete work as the most important thing is for them to recover from the illness. Class teachers will therefore continue to publish timetables and resource sheets on the google classroom platform. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you require support with technology or resources.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:



Reception

- Lucy B for being kind and helping others

Year 1

- Callum C for his superb effort in phonics and reading

Year 2

- Thea M for her super work in Maths around the topic of money

Year 3

- Spencer L for impressing Mr Moore with his description ideas in English lessons.

Year 4

- Sophie B for her excellent effort in maths

Head Teacher Awards

- Isla G for her excellent art work and description of techniques used
 - Callum C for being a great supportive friend
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SCHOOL UPDATES

REPORTING SICKNESS ABSENCE:

When reporting your child absent from school on the school absence line, please could we ask that you give clear details as to why your child is absent from school. We often get messages that just say a child is poorly or under the weather which means that we then have to ring back to obtain more information. We have to provide a daily update to the Department for Education as to why children are absent so it is important that we get as much information as possible. We really appreciate your help with this.



SPRING TERM LUNCH MENU:

We just want to remind parents that the lunch menu has not changed since last term. A copy of the menu can be found on the school website or by following the link below.

http://www.broomley.northumberland.sch.uk/web/lunch_menus/503929

This menu has been updated for this term's dates so that you can check which menu week we are currently on.



BOOK REVIEW CORNER:

We have received 2 book reviews this week so thank you Roo in Year 1 and Spencer (Y3) and Oran (Y1). We are delighted that you want to share your fantastic books with us all.



Our first review this week is the book: 'Hairy Maclary, SIT' by Lynley Dodd

"I like this book because Hairy Maclary and his friends get up to mischief, and it's funny. It is a rhyming story, and there are more Hairy Maclary stories to read if you like this one." by Roo R (Year 1)

Thanks, Roo - and thanks for the picture too - we love your cuddly Hairy Maclary!

Our second book of the week is 'The Christmasaurus and the Naughty List' by the fantastic author Tom Fletcher

'This book is full of adventure and surprises and the boys really enjoy it. We read it each night and have enjoyed finding out about who is on Santa's naughty list and how they try to move to the nice list with the help of the Christmasaurus. Spencer and Oran say people should read it as they have really enjoyed it and it is full of excitement.'

Spencer L (Y3) and Oran L (Y1)

Thanks boys, that sounds like an amazing book and one we are sure your friends would enjoy.

Don't forget, you can send us your book reviews too - we can't wait to see what you recommend for your friends next!

Altogether now - 'KEEEEEEP READING!'



DIARY DATES

- Monday 17th January After School Dance Club begins
- Mon 17th / Mon 24th Jan No small group music lessons - classes resume with Miss Humble
on Monday 31st Jan
- Tuesday 25th January Reception Class Vision Screening - information sent home by
parentmail
- Wednesday 26th January M&M Production of Jack and the Beanstalk rescheduled date
- Friday 28th January Christmas Disco/ Class Parties rescheduled date
- Friday 4th February NSPCC Number Day - mega maths fundraising day - more
information to follow shortly
- Tuesday 8th February Safer Internet Day - activities in class
- Friday 18th February School Closes for half term
- Monday 28th February School reopens for Spring term 2
- Friday 18th March Comic Relief Red Nose Day - more information to follow
- Mon 21st - Fri 27th March Neurodiversity Week - celebrating learning differences and the
strengths and talents that come from thinking and perceiving the world differently
- Friday 8th April School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 25th April School reopens for Summer term 1

On behalf of staff and governors may I wish you all a lovely weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher