



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

94.6 %

Well done everyone for a fantastic attendance record this week.

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN:

There is a definite feel of Autumn in the air this week and we are enjoying celebrating the change of the seasons in school.

To celebrate our Harvest Festival, we are making a collection of non-perishable food items and toiletries for donation to the Miner's Lamp Cafe Food bank in Prudhoe. We will be collecting until next Tuesday so if you would like to make a donation and support this amazing charity helping local families, then please send it into school by then. The children have been learning about the meaning of Harvest Festival and learning some harvest songs, which they will share in a Harvest Assembly in school next week. Unfortunately we aren't able to invite parents and carers along but we're sure the children will enjoy sharing their learning and songs at home with you.

Next week also sees our PTA Halloween themed Break the Rules day, with lots of spooky fun planned and the chance for the children to dress up in their best halloween outfits! Information was sent out by Parentmail about this, please make sure to sign up if you would like your child to take part, see details below. This will be held next Thursday which is the last day of the half term for the children, as Friday 22nd is a Teacher Training Day.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

Reception

- Freddie S for brilliant listening skills and an exceptional PE session

Year 1

- Oran L for trying super hard with his letter join pre-cursive handwriting

Year 2

- Jasmine W for how confident she has been this week embracing her new school experience

Year 3

- Toby H for his excellent vocabulary during our writing lessons!

Year 4

- Anya G for a brilliant Anglo-Saxon passport



Head Teacher Awards:

- Leo in Year 1 for excellent manners and also being so polite.
 - Freddie in Year 4 for excellent enthusiasm shown towards his work.
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SCHOOL UPDATES



Harvest Festival Donations

As part of our Harvest Festival Celebrations this year, we are asking for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries which we will pass on to The Miner's Lamp Cafe food bank in Prudhoe. This food bank is a brilliant local charity that helps local families who are struggling to make ends meet.

If you would like to make a donation then please could you send items into school with your child by next Tuesday 19th October at the latest. Many thanks for your help and support with this

Break the Rules Day - Thursday 22nd October

Next Thursday, our PTA have organised a spooky Halloween themed Break the Rules day - letters were sent home by parentmail yesterday with all the information you need. The children will be able to break the following rules:



- Less lesson time (15minutes extra playtime)
- Wear Halloween fancy dress – please could we ask that the children do not bring in any accessories (wands, broomsticks etc) with them and no shoes with heels please.
- Goody bag which will include some surprises along with tattoos, stickers & spooky sweets.

The PTA are asking for a £2 donation for this event but this is optional - all donations will be used to fund activities and equipment throughout the school year and across the whole school.

Please return the form or email admin@broomley.northumberland.sch.uk by Tuesday 19th October if your child would like to take part.



Library Books

Mrs Swan, our head librarian, has asked if all library books can be returned next week please. Children will not take any books home next week but will resume their library slot after half term and start bringing books home again then. Thank you for your help with this.



PTA Mini AGM - Thursday 4th November

Just a reminder to add this date to your diaries. Our PTA will be hosting a virtual mini-AGM on Thursday 4th Nov at 6pm. They will be presenting a review for the period from Apr-Sep21 which will then bring everything in line with the academic year. Everyone is welcome and if you would like to attend, please email broomley.school.pta@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Deadline date for Middle School Applications

Just a reminder to Year 4 parents that the NCC deadline date for applications for middle school places is 31st October. If you haven't already done so, please remember to submit your application by this date. Any submissions after this date will be treated as late and will be processed after all on time applications have been dealt with.

Things to do:



The Three Bears

Kitchen Zoo

Mon 25 Oct - Sat 13 Nov

Deep in the forest, Mammy, Daddy and Baby Bear are preparing for winter. Each day the Three Bears head off into the woods to collect interesting things they can re-use for their house. As winter arrives, their cosy home is turned upside down by a colourful whirlwind that threatens to sit in their chairs, eat their porridge and fall asleep in their beds – it's Goldilocks!

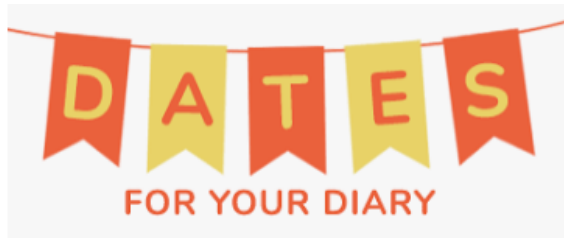
Join us for an adventure into the woods with original live music, puppetry and a tale you thought you knew... from the makers of *The Tin Foil Astronaut*, Kitchen Zoo. Bring your bears with you and join us for an adventure at Northern Stage.

For more information on performance times and to book tickets please follow the link:

<https://www.northernstage.co.uk/Event/the-three-bears>

For more ideas on fun things to do during half term, please follow the link below:

[Family Explorers - Things to do in half term](#)



DIARY DATES

- Monday 18th October Y3 trip to Great North Museum
- Tuesday 19th October Y2 Woods Visit
- Thursday 21st October Halloween Break the Rules Day (PTA)
- Friday 22nd October Teacher Training Day
- Mon 25th - Fri 29th October Half Term
- Monday 1st November Return to school for Autumn 2
- Mon 1st to Fri 5th Nov Y3 / Y4 Outdoor Week with Forest School Days - more info to follow
- Tuesday 2nd November Democracy Day with Councillor Anne Dale
- Friday 5th November Bonfire Night Outdoor Day - more information to follow
- Wednesday 10th November Pamela Butchart Virtual Book Event - Y2
- w/c 29th November Interfaith week - more info about planned activities and trips to follow
- Friday 3rd December Flu Vaccinations - Please note new dates
- Friday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Wednesday 15th December M and M Production of Jack and the Beanstalk in school
- Friday 17th December Class Christmas Party Afternoon
- Tuesday 4th January Teacher Training Day
- Wednesday 5th January School Reopens for Spring Term

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

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher