



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

90.2%



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

This final week has been another busy one with egg-citing learning happening across the school. The children created some excellent egg designs in school from Harry Potter to The Gruffalo, safe to say there was enough glitter and glue used to last till Christmas! Not forgetting all of the fantastic art projects that have taken place across the week too! Phew; well done everyone!

As many of you are aware, on Tuesday 29 March, the government set out the next steps for [living with longer COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April. In addition, schools have now received updated guidance from the DfE outlining the changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from today. Therefore, children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school, when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. The guidance continues that regular asymptomatic testing is no longer required; however, free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April. Should you have any further queries please refer to the guidance attached. We will also be sending a reminder of procedures to follow if your child is unwell at the start of the Summer term.

A huge thank you to all those who have taken the time to vote in our parent governor election. With a 79 % majority vote we look forward to welcoming Ryan Green to our governing body after the Easter holidays. Ryan brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise which will be an asset to our Local Governing Body..

We bid farewell to Mrs Ward today who begins her new adventure as Executive Deputy Head Teacher at Mickley and Ovingham First School after the Easter holidays. A huge thank you to Mrs Ward for all her hard

work and dedication to both schools. Although we will see Mrs Ward lots in our academy trust developments, you will be a miss to the staff and children and wish you all the best. We are very proud of all she has achieved and I am sure Broomley and Whittonstall will have left memories to last a lifetime.

We wish you all a happy and restful Easter break and we will see the children back to school on Monday 25th April to begin the Summer Term.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:



Reception

- Hugo J for his beautiful manners and excellent artwork

Year 1

- Emelia M for her fantastic progress in phonics

Year 2

- Isla G for her great menu following the EatWell guide in science

Year 3

- Daniel E for his excellent reading skills - keep up the good work!

Year 4

- Evie J for being kind and helpful to others

Headteacher's Awards:

- Grace C (Y4) for excellent work this week-you should be super proud!
- Ava R (Y4) for always being really kind to the younger children in school - an excellent role model!
- Cole S (Y3) for being an excellent team player in PE and an impressive use of skills.

SCHOOL UPDATES



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO MRS WARD:

Today we said a fond farewell to Mrs Ward, our Year 4 teacher who will be taking up her new role as executive deputy head at Ovingham and Mickley First Schools after Easter. We are going to miss her but we know she will keep in touch with us and

hopefully will pop back to see us all occasionally. Good luck in your new role Mrs Ward - we know you will be brilliant!



EASTER ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

On Thursday, each class got busy decorating their hardboiled eggs - thank you to everyone who sent in an egg and especially to those who sent in some spares. Here are some of the examples of the art work from Year 2



DECORATE AN EGG COMPETITION:

WOW! Thank you to all the families who took part in our 'Decorate an Egg' competition. There were some amazing entries from pirate ships, to volcanoes and even the Golf Masters in egg form! We even received some pictures of eggs that had been decorated at home by children who were off school this week so thanks to them too for joining in. Here are just a few of the entries:





SCHOOL COUNCIL EASTER EGG RAFFLE:

Miss Swan and the school council would like to thank everyone who took part in their Easter Raffle. We raised a fantastic sum of £121 which will be used to fund exciting eco projects in school.

The winners of the Easter eggs were:

- Reception - Kate, Aurnyn and Lily
- Year 1: Cora, Ben and Opal
- Year 2: Penny, Fraser and Alice
- Year 3: Jess, Lexi and Evelyn
- Year 4: Charlie, Tessie and Bram

Here are some of our lucky winners with their prizes:



BOOKS AND BOXES:

This week, we don't have any book reviews for you; instead we have some reading lists - one for each class - which have very kindly been provided by Lizzie Harris, one of our parents who has her own small online book shop called 'The Book Detectives', which is based in Stocksfield. Run by Detective Lizzie, a bookseller and former teacher, TBD sells a handpicked selection of children's books and children's book boxes. Detective Lizzie regularly writes book reviews on her blog, and on her social media channels @thebookdetectives so check out her page to see what she is currently reading and for more recommendations.

The reading lists are attached to the newsletter so please have a look and a browse. There are some great choices listed. If you would like to place an order for any of the books, Broomley will receive a percentage commission on the sales which we will be able to use to buy more books for our school library and classrooms.



STORY TIME BOXES FOR EACH CLASS:

This week, with the help of our school council, we have launched our brilliant new story time boxes. Each box contains a blanket, worry box and a selection of stories which explore and discuss a range of emotions. Each class will have their own box and the school council have worked together to select a range of books for each class.

The photo shows an example of one of the boxes.

DUCKLING VISIT:

On Wednesday, Year 1 and 2 had a very special visit from some tiny ducklings. As you can see, the children absolutely loved being able to hold and stroke the ducklings. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Baker (Harriet's mum) for bringing them into school - safe to say, it was a huge success!



CHANGES TO PE AND OUTDOOR SESSIONS AFTER EASTER:

After Easter there will be a few changes to PE and outdoor sessions so please note the following:

- Y1 - Y4 will have PE every Monday and Thursday
- Reception will have PE on Thursdays and Outdoor day on Fridays
- Y1 will have outdoor afternoon on Fridays

PE kit should be worn to school on the above days and Reception and Year 1 should wear or bring their outdoor gear on Fridays.

SCHOOL CLUBS:

THE RETURN OF BROOMLEY BELLOWERS! :



After a long break we are delighted that Broomley Bellowers will restart after the Easter holidays. The singing club will be led by Mrs Barker, who used to be the singer in a band! It will meet on a Friday lunchtime and is open to children in Years 2, 3 & 4; there is no charge for the club. Numbers will be limited and be allocated on a first come, first served basis. A parentmail was sent yesterday with the form to sign your child up - here is the link again in case you missed it- [Broomley Bellowers](#).

We will notify everyone of whether they have a place at the start of the first week back after the holidays.

ARTVENTURERS CLUB OPEN TO RECEPTION AND Y1/Y2 CHILDREN:

The after-school art club which will start on Wednesday 27th April has now been opened up to children in Reception class as well as children in Y1 and Y2.

If your child would like a space at the club, please follow the link in below to book a slot:

www.artventurers.co.uk/tynevalley/book-a-class/

The password is Broomleyfirst



After School Club

Open to pupils in
Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm
Starting 27th April

ARTventurers after school club will allow your child the time, space and resources to get creative in a friendly and fun environment! As well as developing skills, confidence and promoting well being, your child will also bring home a variety of creations & keepsakes!

These after school sessions won't be quite the same as the messy play classes you may have seen ARTventurers do for babies and toddlers. There won't be as much mess, but there will certainly be plenty of ARTy fun!

Book Now

5 week block = £25

Bookings can be made via website

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AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB - SUMMER TERM ENROLMENT:

Tyne Valley Tennis



Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am delighted to inform you that we are running the after-school tennis club again this term. The information regarding the club is below. I look forward to working with you and your children in the future.

Many Thanks,

Tom Geary (Head Coach - Stocksfield TC, Hexham TC, Wylam TC) 07817061898

Tennis Club: Summer Term 2022

Days: Thursday 28th April – Thursday 14th July Inclusive

Time: 3:10 – 4:10

Cost: £44 for 11 weeks (excluding half term)

Cheques to be made payable to Tyne Valley Tennis



STUDENTS NAME..... D.O.B..... AGE.....

EMERGENCY CONTACT.....

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD.....

CONTACT NUMBER.....

PARENTS' NAMES.....

ADDRESS.....

AUTHORISED PERSONEL TO COLLECT CHILD.....

Is your child taking any regular medication or do they have any medical issues we should be aware of?

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SIGNED..... PRINT NAME.....



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS:

Thank you to everyone who voted in the parent governor election. The vote has now closed and we are pleased to announce that Ryan Green will be taking up the role as parent academy governor

on our local governing body. We would also like to thank Becky Dawson for her application to the role - although unsuccessful this time, we really appreciated her interest and expertise.



MID TYNE KIDS CLUB - HOLIDAY DATES AND ACTIVITIES

Kids Club will be open on the following dates during the Easter holidays:

- Monday 11th April to Thursday 21st April (excluding the bank holidays - Good Friday and Easter Monday when it will be closed. It is also closed on the final Friday of the holidays).
- Opening times are from 8.00am to 6.00pm - half days are available

MTKC are also running the following events on some of the above dates:

- Visit from Golf Kids - to play fun golf related games - Tuesday 12th April and Tuesday 19th April
- Animal Antics - Thursday 14th April
- Zoo Lab - Wednesday 20th April

To book in for any of the above slots, please contact Kids Club directly on 0737 8175687

Northumberland Parent Carer Forum:

Northumberland Parent Carer Forum
A Voice For All

Become a member

Northumberland Parent Carer Forum is the Department For Education's recognised parent carer forum in Northumberland. We work in partnership with the Local Authority, Health and Social Care services to improve outcomes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families.

We listen to experiences of families. Working in co production we ensure your views are heard at every stage of planning and decision making. We need to hear about your experiences to ensure we can bring the parent carer voice to the local authority, to ensure you are fully represented and are able to develop the quality, range and accessibility of SEND provision

Sign up on our website: <https://npcf.co.uk/sign-up>

The steering group is made up of a voluntary group of Northumberland parents and carers of children and young people (0 - 25) who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. Please visit our website to find out how you can be a part of our community.

Get in touch www.npcf.co.uk

enquiries@npcf.co.uk 0191 284 0480

Northumberland Parent Carer Forum @nlandpcf

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Department for Education

Northumberland County Council

Here is some information about 'The Northumberland Parent Carer Forum'. The NPCF are the DFE funded parent carer forum for Northumberland and aim to work with families in the county with the purpose of improving services for those families who have children and young people with SEND up to the age of 25 years.

Parent carers can join the NPCF database as members by going to <https://npcf.co.uk/sign-up/> . Contact details will be used to update parents about work being done, ask for help with questionnaires or to join focus groups to give feedback on different areas of the SEND provision. No details will be shared with 3rd parties.

THINGS TO DO:



nufoundation.org.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1124896



EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES

**Newcastle United Foundation Easter Football courses:
9.30am - 3.30pm, Ages 5 - 11, £50 per child**

Join us from 11 April - 14 April

- Goals, High Gosforth Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5HP
- Consett AFC, Belle View Stadium, Delves Lane, DH8 7BF
- John Spence, Preston Road, North Shields, NE29 9PU

Join us from 19 April - 22 April

- Swan Centre, Northumberland Road, Berwick, TD15 7BF
- Ponteland Leisure Centre, Callerton Lane, Ponteland, NE20 9EG
- Duke's Secondary School, Academy Road, Ashington, NE63 9FZ

To book your place, visit: nufoundation.org.uk

DIARY DATES

- Friday 8th April School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 25th April School reopens for Summer term 1
- Wednesday 27th April Artventurers' After School Club for Rec/Y1/Y2 begins
- Friday 29th April Broomley Bellowers Lunchtime Club for Y2/Y3/Y4 begins
- Thursday 12th May Dental Screening for Reception Class
- Thursday 12th May Y4 Ford Castle Residential Parents Meeting 4.30pm - more information to follow soon
- Thurs 19th and Fri 20th May Y4 Bikeability Training - more information to follow soon
- Friday 27th May School closes for Summer half term
- Monday 6th June School reopens for Summer term 2
- Tuesday 7th June Whole Class Photographs - Debbie Young Photography
- Wed 22nd - Fri 24th June Y4 Residential Trip to Ford Castle
- Thursday 21 July School Closes for Summer holidays
- Friday 22nd July Additional holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Tuesday 6th September School Reopens for new school year

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

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher