



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

96.9%



Keep up the good work everyone!

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

Such a busy week this week with children on visits and visitors in school. The children in Year 3 had a successful trip to Vindolanda this week and Year 4 enjoyed a sports morning at Ovingham Middle School. It is great to be able to get the children out and about again and experience these vital learning experiences. This week we have had new smart board technology installed in all the classrooms at Whittonstall and Broomley. This is part of an exciting ICT strategy that we have been working on over the past year to enhance and upgrade the IT infrastructure in our schools.

I have recently received a number of applications for exceptional leave for family holidays. Please be aware that, whilst we do require parents to complete the leave of absence request form, I am unable to authorise family holidays during term times. Whilst I understand that holiday prices rise significantly in the school holidays and families have not had a chance to travel abroad for several years, these do not constitute 'exceptional circumstances'. Good attendance at school is vital for all children to make good progress and reach their potential. Schools and particularly Headteachers are under significant pressure from the Government and the Local Authority to ensure attendance of all pupils is good.

Next academic year the children will continue to wear PE kits on the days that they have sports activities in school, just for those families who want to prepare uniforms over the Summer holidays. If anyone is struggling to finance the purchase of new uniforms please do contact me directly and I will do my utmost to

help. Please also refer to the information below regarding our second hand uniform and feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.

Mrs Phillipson, our lovely admin assistant will be leaving us at the end of this academic year as she takes up her new exciting promotion to Office Manager at Mickley First School. I am sure you will all be thrilled for her as we all are but she will be a big miss to our team. We will be recruiting in the final weeks of this Summer term to have a replacement in place for September, I will update you in the coming weeks. We also welcome Miss Mansfield to the teaching staff in September as she joins us from the Sele First School. We will be informing the staff in the coming weeks of the class arrangements for September and the children will meet their new teachers on transfer day on Monday 4th July, where they will spend the morning in their new classrooms.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

Reception

- Tabby G for excellent art work involving symmetry with leaves, feathers and flowers.

Year 1

- Leo K for his fantastic teamwork skills in creative curriculum

Year 2

- Zac W for his excellent simile and repetition work in English.

Year 3

- Lexi W for adding interesting extra details in her story writing.

Year 4

- Evie J for being so conscientious and hardworking in every lesson



Headteacher's Awards:

- Josh G (Y1) for making really good choices
- Eloise B (Y1) for being very polite and always happy
- Oliver B (Y1) for always trying hard and being a good friend

SCHOOL UPDATES



SECOND HAND UNIFORM:

Thank you to those parents who have dropped off second hand uniform this week. We have sorted the items into age range boxes which will be put on the yard at the end of the day for parents to have a look in. If you would like any of the uniform, we will leave a collection box for any donations that you would like to make.

We would like to keep this going throughout the rest of this term if possible, so if any parents have any second hand uniform that they are happy to donate, please drop it in at the office when you can and we can keep the boxes topped up. We really appreciate your help with this.



MID TYNE KIDS CLUB - SUMMER OPENING:

MTKC will be open as usual in the holidays but are now offering Fridays as well. They will be open Monday to Friday all the way through the holidays, including the additional holiday date on Friday 22 July. They have all sorts of exciting events planned across the summer weeks from golf and tennis, to circus performers and animal antics. Give them a call if you would like to book a space for your child or find out more - [tel 0737 8175687](tel:07378175687)



PTA SUMMER RAFFLE:

We are organising a summer raffle and would be so grateful if any businesses or parents could donate prizes! If you can, please contact us via our Facebook page or by emailing broomley.school.pta@gmail.com

Prizes can be handed in to the main office at Broomley First School. The raffle will be drawn at the Leavers disco and info about purchasing tickets will follow soon!

<h2>BROOMLEY PTA EVENTS SUMMER 22</h2> <p>We would firstly like to thank all parents and helpers for your continued support.</p> <p>Here are the events for the rest of the academic year:</p> <p>Summer Break The Rules Day - 10th June 2022 Details provided via ParentMail.</p> <p>Summer/Leavers' disco - 15th July 2022 Come and give the Year 4s a good old Broomley send off with stalls, face painting and some Yr 4 VIP treats! Entrance 50p, details to follow.</p> <p>Summer Raffle Tickets to be sent home in advance and winners drawn at the disco.</p> <p>The Rainbow Orchard We are busy working on our forest school area and Rainbow Orchard with Miss Richardson. Soon the children can start enjoying the natural space and get planting! Look out for updates and how you can get involved in the BFS Newsletter!</p> <p>Christmas art /merchandise We will be running this again after merchandise proved popular in previous years!</p> <p><small>Broomley First School Parent Teacher Association Barclays bank, Ac: 40396540, Sort code: 20-40-09</small></p>	<h3>HOW DOES THE MONEY GO BACK INTO SCHOOL?</h3> <p>Recently, money raised through the PTA has helped our school through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading verandas• Playtime toys for the yard• Christmas Fair• Year 4 Residential bus <h3>WHERE WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP</h3> <p>We would like to fund some new books for school and hope to sign up to the SLS (School Library Service) program to provide topic based books for use in their creative curriculum. This project allows books to be rotated regularly in line with topics being studied and costs £11 per child. More details can be found at: www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Professionals/Schools-Library-Service.aspx</p> <p>The fundraising events here on the left aim to raise the funds for the last instalment of this project to ensure each child has new resources next year. If you would like to provide a separate donation for this direct to the PTA bank account, details are below (please give "SLS" as reference).</p> <h3>COME JOIN US!</h3> <p>We love to have new members join us so if you could spare some time, no matter how small, please email. We rely on volunteers for these events to run and if you fancy more of an official role, we also have positions available.</p> <p>Thanks!</p> <p>Broomley First School Parent Teacher Association.</p> <p>Email: broomley.school.pta@gmail.com</p>
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CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS - ORDER INFORMATION:

We have sent a parentmail to each class today with information about how to access your child's whole class photographs. If you follow the link below and enter the password per the parentmail, you will be able to view the photos and decide if you would like to purchase one.

<https://proofs.debbieyoungphotography.com/BFSclass>

Any orders must be placed on line (following the link above) by Thursday 30th June. Debbie Young will then deliver the photographs to school by the end of the following week. Please let the office staff know if you have any queries.



New Reception Starters Welcome Picnic 21st June 3.30-5.00pm

We would just like to remind parents of any children who will be starting Reception in September about our new starters picnic next Tuesday between 3.30 and 5.00pm. You will be able to play and explore in our fantastic EYFS outdoor classroom and take part in lots of fun activities in the Reception classroom. EYFS staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and look forward to getting to know you and your child and Ms Shepherd will give a short presentation about starting in September and how you can support your child's transition at home. This presentation will be shared online. Please note, children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire session.

Y3 Vindolanda Trip:

Y3 had a lovely day for their trip to Vindolanda and the Roman army museum on Tuesday. Here are a few photos from the day to show you the kind of things they got up to.





Healthy Choices Week - w/c 27th June

We have some fun and exciting activities planned for our healthy choices week which include yoga sessions with Kelly Norman, dance classes with LP Dance and for Y3, a very exciting trip to South Shields to have a go at surfing. We are pleased to say that all these events are covered by our sports' premium grant so will be provided at no extra cost to parents. Watch this space for more information coming home soon.

Y4 SPORTS' MORNING AT OVINHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL:

On Thursday morning, our Y4 class went across to Ovingham for the first of their visits - this time it was for a sports' morning. The children met some of the current OMS children and staff and had a great time taking part in all sorts of sporting activities. Here are some pictures from the event. The children will head across to OMS again for their orientation day on Tuesday 28th June.



THINGS TO DO:



RSPCA Family Fun Day (dog friendly) at Seaburn Park! **10.00 am - 4.00 pm**

Purchase passes and tokens at the gate, and enjoy a huge range of activities and games:

Play: There will be a Giant Garden Games area (including giant jenga, connect four, beat the buzzer, snakes & ladders, inflatable bowling, and more).

Entertainment: There will be an interactive Bubbles Display from Paris Bubbles, taking place throughout the whole day - so we welcome pass-holders to bring picnic chairs and blankets and set up with us for the day.

Dog Activities: Enter our 'low key', secret dog show for the chance to casually win a rosette from our doggy spies (just by entering and going about your visit). Plus, how good is your pooch's nose? Play the treat hunt to find out.

Kids / family: Win prizes/medals if you can spot all of our hidden ducks on our Fun day Duck Trail, or beat your friends at tug of war and take away a prize.

Plus tombola, and a wide range of stalls and refreshments, including bespoke gifts, pet foods, health & beauty, crafts, cakes, bakes, sweets, coffees, ice cream, wood-fired pizza and vegan BBQ (to name a few)! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/314241797460460/> for further details

DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 21st June New Reception Starter Picnic 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- Wed 22nd - Fri 24th June Y4 Residential Trip to Ford Castle
- W/c 27th June Healthy Choices Week
- Thursday 30th June Y3 Surfing trip to South Shields
- Tuesday 28th June Y4 Ovingham Middle School Orientation Day
- Monday 4th July Transition Day - children visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers
- Thursday 7th July Sports' Day - 9.30am - 11.30am
- Tuesday 12th July Corbridge Middle School Transition Day - more info will be provided to relevant pupils
- Thursday 14th July Y4 Leavers' Lunch and Leavers' Assembly (2pm)
- Friday 15th July PTA End of Year Leavers' Disco
- Thursday 21 July School Closes for Summer holidays
- Friday 22nd July Additional holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Wednesday 31st August Reception New Starters Extra Transition Session 9.30 - 11.30am
- 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.

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher