



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

**97.0%**



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#### **HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:**

Hello and a warm welcome back to school for the Summer Term. I hope that you had an enjoyable break and were able to enjoy some family time and some exciting days out. We are also lucky to have a lovely long weekend with the Bank Holiday on Monday, so we will look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday.

I managed to visit all our classrooms yesterday and there was a calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school. Children were working hard and enjoying seeing their friends again. We welcomed Mrs Jones to the team for her first week with Year 4, the children have given me such lovely feedback about all the activities they have enjoyed this week.

The Summer Term is always busy and we are scheduling a range of events as we return to normality. However, this does have to be balanced with our most important job, which is teaching and learning and making sure that our children make good progress. Please keep a close eye on the calendar for upcoming events such as jubilee celebrations, sports day, summer fair and summer disco. We are really looking forward to seeing parents at all these wonderful events for the children.

Prior to the Easter break, I sent out the latest Government COVID-19 requirements. The main guidance is set here in 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.

A personal thank you to those who have taken the time to offer such kind words and support regarding the news this week of my departure at the end of this academic year. I am really looking forward to spending as much time as possible with all the children this summer term and ensuring a smooth transition for both the children and staff when a new Executive Head Teacher is appointed.

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## **AWARDS OF THE WEEK:**

### **Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:**

Reception

- Hugo J for excellent listening skills, knowledge of sunflowers and for generally being wonderful

Year 1

- Thomas R for his fantastic drawings of human geographical features

Year 2

- Grace T for embracing her new school experience

Year 3

- Tilly T for settling so well into Year 3 and impressing Mr Moore

Year 4

- Neave M for being so hardworking and conscientious in every lesson this week.



### **Headteacher's Awards:**

- Lewis W (Y4) for-being helpful and always having such lovely manners
- Anya G (Y4) for being a fantastic role model for others

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## **SCHOOL UPDATES**

### **STAFFING CHANGES:**

#### **Y4 CLASS TEACHER:**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Jones as our Year 4 teacher this term. Her first week with us has gone really well and she is quickly getting to know the children.

#### **MRS BARKER LEAVING:**

As you will all no doubt be aware now, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Barker at the end of this term. She is leaving us to be the Primary School Improvement Leader at the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust and we would all like to wish her well with this amazing opportunity. Mrs Barker has been head at Broomley and Whittonstall for the last 6 years and she will leave a big gap to fill. We will keep you posted with news about her replacement once the recruitment process is complete. The children and staff are looking forward to making Mrs Barker's last term with us as joyful as possible and celebrating all her achievements over the last 6 years.

### **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS APPEAL FOR RESOURCES:**

We are planning an amazing celebration afternoon on Wednesday 25th May to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are currently finalising plans for the afternoon and look forward to sharing the details with you soon.



In the meantime we would like to put out an appeal for any red, white and blue fabric or wool that you may be able to donate for making bunting and pom poms to help decorate the front of school and school yard. If anyone is a dab hand with the sewing machine and would like to volunteer to sew some bunting triangles together nearer the time please do let the school office know.

### **Y3 ROBOT CARS:**



This week, excitement levels were high in Year 3 as the children got to programme robot cars. Using special mat squares, which give the cars instructions as they pass over the top, the children devised some amazing pathways to make the cars turn left and right and even spin around. Over the next few weeks, the Y3 children will be teaching some of the other classes how to use the cars too.

### **YEAR 2 VISIT FROM PAUL MOONEY:**

On Friday, as part of their topic on weather presenters, the Year 2 children were very excited to have a visit from Paul Mooney, the BBC Look North weather reporter. Mr Mooney talked about his job and how he reports the weather and promised that on Tuesday, when he does his next weather report on Look North, he will mention Stocksfield so that the children know he is thinking about his visit to them so listen out for that!



### **NHS HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS PROGRAMME - RECEPTION CLASS:**



Next Tuesday 3rd May, the NHS Heights and Weights team will be coming to school to measure the Reception Class children. All Reception parents should have received a letter before half term which outlines the purpose of the programme and what to do if you do not wish your child to take part. The results are used anonymously to monitor children in Reception and then again in Y6. School does not receive any feedback regarding these results. If you are happy for your child to take part in this programme, you need not do anything further. If you do not wish your child to take part, please let the school office know.



### **NHS DENTAL SURVEY OF 5 YEAR OLDS:**

On Thursday 12th May, the NHS Dental team will be coming into school to do a dental survey of a sample of 5 year old children. These children have been selected at random by the NHS team and the relevant parents have been informed. If you have not received a parentmail about this, then your child has not been selected to take part this time. For those parents whose child has been selected, please could you return the permission slip to the school office if you are happy for them to take part. This needs to be returned by **Thursday 5th May**. Hard copies of the form will be sent home with your child tonight.



### **MID TYNE KIDS CLUB - PARENT SURVEY:**

Mid Tyne Kids Club, our wonderful before and after school care provider, have asked if we will share a short survey with you. This was also sent by parentmail this week. It is for all families, whether or not you currently use Kids Club, and they would be really grateful if you would take the time to complete it. The survey can be found by clicking on [MTKC survey](#)

A number of parents have already completed the survey and Kids Club have asked that anyone who answered 'yes' or 'maybe' to question 4 (Would you use MTKC if it opened earlier in term time?) or question 5 (would you use MTKC if we were open on a Friday in school holidays?), please could you email your name and contact details to [mtkc@outlook.com](mailto:mtkc@outlook.com) so they can get back in touch with you?

Please note, the survey has now been amended to add a field where you can enter your name/contact details so you will only need to do this, if you completed the survey before Wednesday of this week.



### **BOOK REVIEW CORNER:**

This week's book review is from Ethan in Y3:



The book is called 'Fortunately the Milk' by Neil Gaiman.

This graphic novel is about a Mum who goes away and leaves Dad in charge. Ethan really likes all the characters in this book, especially the Blobby Green Aliens, Pirates, Wumpires and the Intergalactic Space Police. It's an extraordinary, time-travelling adventure and don't forget the milk!!!! Ethan really enjoyed the amazing illustrations by Chris Riddell and is really looking forward to reading Odd and the Frost Giant. Thanks Finn for this amazing birthday present!!!

Sounds like an amazing book Ethan and one to look out for!



### **E-SAFETY INFORMATION:**

This week's e-safety information is all about the use of social media and how to make sure your child is prepared when they start to use it:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/>

## **YEAR 4 LEAVERS' HOODIES:**

Some of our parents are organising leavers' hoodies for the Year 4 children. A parentmail has been sent out today asking all year 4 parents to give their consent for their child's name to appear on the hoodie. Please help by completing the form (follow the link below) as soon as you can so that they can get the hoodie design finalised.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKhFqwEP7HqW0CX5jHdaQekEwwuHdk7krcEAzMjMRI2IFNrg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKhFqwEP7HqW0CX5jHdaQekEwwuHdk7krcEAzMjMRI2IFNrg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Once the design has been finalised, further information will be sent out on how to order a hoodie for your child. This is for Y4 children only.



## **CHANGES TO PE AND OUTDOOR SESSIONS THIS TERM:**

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.



## **FUNDRAISE AND RECYCLE CLOTHES:**

Just a reminder if you are thinking of having a clear out of clothes ready for summer, that we have a clothes and shoes recycling bin in the playground. The clothes are recycled and it helps to earn a little extra money for school.

## **JOB VACANCIES - TYNE COMMUNITY LEARNING TRUST:**

OMS have asked us to promote some job opportunities that they currently have:

- **Humanities Teacher** <https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Teacher/224732>
- **DT Teacher** <https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Teacher/224703>
- **Teaching Assistant** [https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Teaching\\_Assistant\\_Level\\_2/224702](https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Teaching_Assistant_Level_2/224702)

Broomley and Whittonstall also have a post for a class teacher - more information can be found by following the link below:

[https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Class\\_Teacher/224581](https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Class_Teacher/224581)

## THINGS TO DO:



Farm and Craft Market

Sunday the 1st of May and Saturday July 23rd.

### **WHEELBIRKS PARLOUR Farm & Craft Market Sunday 1st May 10.00am - 5.00pm**

Come along to Wheelbirks farm for their very first Farm and craft Market. They will be hosting 23 local food producers, makers, artists and small businesses, selling everything from pottery to cheese!

Jenny Purrett's art studio will be having an open studio and hosting Canny Craft pottery painting.



## **Climate Action and You**

Find Out More, Get Involved & Tell Us What You Think:

Wildlife & Habitat Surveys

Energy Use & Insulation

Broomley First School Eco Warriors

Bee Friendly Gardening

Local Farm Making Changes

Active Travel Tynedale

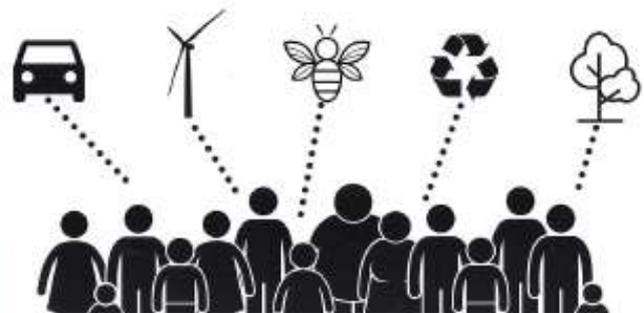
Everyone Welcome - Family Friendly - Refreshments

Stocksfield Climate Change Group Presents:

## **Climate Action and You**

**Broomley First School  
Saturday 14th May 2022  
10am - 2pm**

**Tell us what matters to YOU**



The Duck Pantry will be providing picnics for the day, THESE ARE TO BE PRE-ORDERED. Their website is:

[www.theduckhousepantry.co.uk/jubileeParty](http://www.theduckhousepantry.co.uk/jubileeParty)

Please order by: 24<sup>th</sup> May

The following stalls will be attending where you can purchase a variety of food and drinks:

Fire & Dough  
Beer/Pimms/Champagne bar  
Wheelbirks Parlour - Ice Cream  
Gin & Tonic - gin bar  
Vanilla Treats - cakes and coffee

The Programme will start at 12.15 p.m. with the singing of the National Anthem and the Loyal Toast.

During the afternoon Prudhoe Community Band will perform followed by Camille Mazarello (Jazz Piano) and Bywell St Peter's Church Choir. There will be dancing and entertainment for the children and the disco (Mister Disco Man) will start at 3 p.m.

If you require any further information, please contact either Anne Dale on 01434 673326 or Margaret Williams on 01661 842465

Artwork kindly provided by the children of Broomley & Mickley First Schools with the kind help of Ryan Green.



A selection of artwork from the children of Broomley & Mickley First Schools



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Lunch

on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Bywell Hall

11.30 – 16.00 hours

By kind invitation of

The Hon. Wentworth and Vanessa Beaumont

## TICKET APPLICATION FORM

Please return by: 24<sup>th</sup> May



I would like to order  tickets at £5 each

I would like to order  children's tickets (18 and under) free

### Method of Payment:

Cheque  BACS  Cash

Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone No: .....

E-mail: .....

Would you like to order seating at a table Yes / No

Do you require Disabled Parking Yes / No

E-mail to: [stocksfieldcommunityforum@gmail.com](mailto:stocksfieldcommunityforum@gmail.com)

Please put '2022 Jubilee Picnic' in the subject line

Or post to: Margaret Williams, 205 New Ridley Road, Stocksfield, NE43 7QD - marking your envelope '2022 Jubilee Picnic'

Please return your form by 24<sup>th</sup> May

Please note: WE ARE SORRY THAT NO DOGS (except assistance dogs) OR BBQs ARE ALLOWED ON SITE

A picnic lunch to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is to take place at Bywell Hall on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June by kind permission of The Honourable Wentworth and Vanessa Beaumont.

Gates open at 11.15 a.m. and the event will close at 4 p.m. The programme will commence at 12.15 p.m. with the National Anthem followed by the Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen.

Residents, and their families, of Mickley, Stocksfield, Hedley and Bywell & Newton are invited to bring a picnic and celebrate the Jubilee at Bywell Hall. There will be entertainment, food stalls, a disco and lots of fun for all ages.

If you do not wish to bring a picnic, then food can be ordered and paid for in advance and collected from the relevant stall on the day. The contact details for the stalls are over the page. There will also be a pay bar available.

We want to ensure that the elderly or infirm can easily access the site and sit comfortably to enjoy the day so there will be a few tables available in the marquees. Special parking will be available for those who require it.

Tickets are priced at £5 each with children of 18 and under free.

Tickets can be ordered by completing the form on the left. To allow us to process the ticket applications, the closing date for Ticket applications is 24<sup>th</sup> May.

1 By BACS - Payment instructions will be sent with tickets on receipt of your order.

2 By cheque: made payable to Stocksfield Community Forum and sent with the enclosed form to Margaret Williams 205 New Ridley Road Stocksfield NE43 7QD

3 By Cash: Please place the cash in an envelope marked '2022 Jubilee Picnic' with the completed form. Envelopes can be delivered to 205 New Ridley Road

Please return your form by 24<sup>th</sup> May

## DIARY DATES

- Monday 2nd May School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 3rd May Reception Heights and Weights Screening
- Thursday 12th May Dental Screening Survey - sample of children only
- 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
- Wednesday 25th May Platinum Jubilee Celebration Afternoon - watch this space for more info
- 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
- 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
- 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 - more details re timings to follow soon
- Thursday 14th July Y4 Leavers' Lunch and Leavers' Assembly (2pm )
- 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 and stay safe.

*Mrs Barker*

Executive Head Teacher