



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4 OCTOBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is World Smile Day and we have shared our smiles around as much as possible! Despite having a rather wet week, the children have been very busy. Year 3/4 have been outside being hunter-gatherers linked to their work on the Stone Age gathering nuts and berries to make fruit stew. Year 1/2 have enjoyed a superb trip to the aquarium today and Reception class have been doing some fabulous painting and were excellent footballers in P.E. on Wednesday.

We collected a few passengers for the walking bus this morning and hope to see more of you over the following 2 Friday's.

Your child should have come home with a letter about Explorers club today. This is starting back up this term and we would love as many people as possible to sign up to get involved in these fun, family outdoor challenges. Every time a child completes a challenge booklet, they receive a certificate which can be shared in our celebration assemblies so please get involved.

Have a lovely weekend.

J. Ainsley S Gray

Miss Ainsley & Mrs Gray
Executive Head Teacher
Executive Deputy Head Teacher



Loving learning at Broomhaugh this week





The Secret Garden

In the Secret Garden this week we have had a busy time reading about garden design, sketching, weeding, and learning to crochet.



Reverend Lesley Chapman is retiring from her position at St James' Church and we have all been invited to her retirement service at **St James Church on Thursday 24th October at 6pm**. We have been asked if our children would like to sing for Lesley and we would be proud to do this as Lesley has supported us so well in school. We would appreciate it if as many children (and parents) as possible could attend this service to show our appreciation. The children will sing first so if for any reason you are unable to stay, they can still come along and won't miss out. If you are able to attend please could you let us know at the school office so that we have an idea of numbers for our singing.

'A large Messy Church Event' in St. Nicholas Cathedral on Saturday 19th October 4-5.30pm. All welcome.

The Daft as a Brush Annual Christmas Tree Light Switch on, is due to take place on Monday 11th November @ 4.30pm, at DAAB House. All children and parents are invited to attend and can arrive from 4pm for a 4.30pm switch on. They will supply juice & biscuits for the children. There will be no parking on site as the gates will be closed. Please email school if you wish to attend so that we can inform DAAB of numbers.

Walk to School Month

The month of October is walk to school month and we will be encouraging as many people to join us in walking wherever possible. If you need to come in a car, maybe you could park further along and walk part of the way.

Walking Bus

We would love to get the walking bus back up and running on a Friday morning and we are looking for parent/carers volunteers to lead this, so far we have only had one volunteer. During Walk to School Month (October) staff will lead this for the 3 Fridays but if it is to continue beyond that we really need more volunteers. The pick-up points would be the same:

8:20 Broomhaugh Seat
8:30 Corner of 'The Wellie' on the grass (Bobby's Side)
8:35 Millfield Road (just past the parish hall)
8:40 Meadow Park (bottom of the bank)

If you are able to commit to being an adult 'walker' please let us know so we can put a list together.

Diary dates are printed on next page.....new dates will be added in red so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group or the whole school.

Diary Dates:

Date	Event	Notes
October 2019	INTERNATIONAL Walk to School Month	Events to be announced
Friday 11 October	Walking Bus (2 of 3 part of Oct walk to school month) PTA Film Night 3:15pm – 5:15pm	Fliers sent out on Wednesday
Friday 18 October	Walking Bus (3 of 3 part of Oct walk to school month)	
Saturday 19 October	Messy Church Event @ St Nicholas Cathedral 4pm-5:30pm	Email sent to Parents
Monday 21 October	Parent Consultation Week Harvest Festival at St James Church 9:15am – 9:45am Aladdin Competition	Appointments will be sent out in due course. 9:15am @St James Church – all welcome Donations gratefully received for the West Northumberland Food Bank. Entries to be in by today
Tuesday 22 October	Year 4 Parent / Family Meeting – 2:45pm Residential Information	This year a residential will be offered to our Year 4 pupils in summer term.
Wednesday 23 October	Parent Drop In 8:15am – 8:45am Delivered by Sarah Donnison – Operation Encompass	Further information to follow.
Thursday 24 October	PTA Cake & Uniform Sale from 3:15pm	Cake donations welcome and can be dropped off in the morning or at pick up
School closes at 3.15pm on Thursday 24 October 2019 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 4 November. PLEASE BE AWARE NORTHUMBERLAND'S HALF TERM IS DIFFERENT TO SOME OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES		
Week commencing 11 November Monday 11 November	Anti – Bullying Week This year the theme is “Change starts with us” Open Morning Daft as a Brush Annual Christmas Tree Light Switch On 4:30pm	Further information to follow. Prospective Pupils Daft as a Brush House, Gosforth Parents & Children welcome.
Wednesday 13 November	World Kindness Day	Event info to follow.
Friday 15 November	BBC Children In Need Day Children in Need Special Lunch	Charity fundraiser – information to follow.
Monday 18 November	Road Safety Week	Further information to follow.
Friday 22 November	PTA Disco 5pm – 6:30pm	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 3 December	Reception Class visit to Chopwell Woods	Further information to follow
Friday 13 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Monday 16 December	Pupils Rehearsal for Nativity (900am – 10:30am) Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party (pm)	St James Church Further information to follow.
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas Nativity Performances 2pm and 6pm @St James Church – All Welcome	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 18 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Thursday 19 December	Reception Class Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Friday 20 December	Christmas Pantomime Big Foot – Rapunzel being performed at Corbridge First School	No cost to families – Bus and show paid by PTA fundraising.
School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 20 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen for children on Tuesday 7 January 2020.		

Year 3/4 swimming dates –Autumn Term 2019 – Wednesdays – 10 lessons left this term

	9, 16 and 23 October	6, 13, 20 and 27 November	4, 11 and 18 December
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