



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2023

Dear Families,

We have so much to celebrate this week in school as we head towards the end of our first half term.

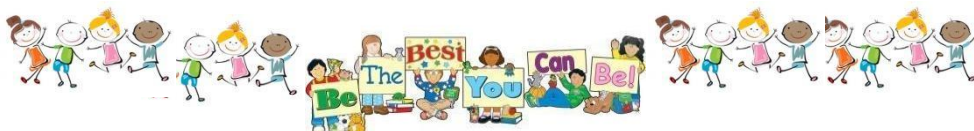
On Monday, governor Di Dickinson came into school to see our fantastic music provision and the work the children are doing in this subject in Year 1 and 2. She treated them to a performance on the violin and they were all up and dancing to the tune and clapping the tempo! The children also had a chance to play the string of a cello and listen to the sound it makes. I am very proud to share that, thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Errington to develop the subject, we are now a Music Mark School for 2023-24!

Our Year 3 and 4 children travelled to Corbridge CofE First School this week for the first of our Federation sports tournaments. They took part in a KS2 tag rugby festival and put into practice all of the skills they have been learning with Mr. Thompson. The event was a huge success, as always, and the children learnt the importance of teamwork and competing for fun and wellbeing. I would like to thank Mr. McVeigh, Mr. Paisley and governor Stu Turnbull for coming along to support on the day. The winning team and medals will be awarded in the not too distant future!

Next week brings parent consultations and the chance to talk to staff about your child's progress since September. We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school then.

Have a lovely weekend,

S Hart & N Burton
Executive Head Teacher
Deputy Head Teacher



Attendance this week:

We are aiming for 97% across the whole school.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
100%	99.2%	98.6%
Year 4	Year 3	Year 2

Weekly Reminders:

Mondays Guitar Tuition

Wednesdays Class 2 Swimming Kit
Violin Tuition

Fridays Class 1 Forest School Kit

Online Safety – What Parents Need to Know About TikTok:

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, post and watch short videos. The app achieved popularity for its viral dance trends and celebrity cameos. It can be a creative and fun platform for teens to enjoy and now lots of businesses use it too. In 2022, an Ofcom report found it to be the most-used platform for posting content, particularly among 12-17 year-olds.

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The app is not without its risks, however. Due to its popularity, it is often where viral trends/challenges start and get spread. Not all of these challenges are safe, yet young people can feel pressured into trying them. The app is also known for its addictive nature with Children in the UK spending an average of 102 minutes a day on the app.

There are things parents and carers are able to do to help limit the risks and help make the app a safer place, such as the family pairing function which lets them link their account to their child's and adjust settings.

National Online Safety has compiled a full set of useful information, which I have attached to the newsletter.

The Next Generation Flood Resilience Project:

The Next Generation Flood Resilience Project is working with six pilot communities (Haltwhistle, Acomb, Riding Mill, Stocksfield, Ovingham & Hepscott). Our aim is to figure out the best ways to prepare people, especially rural communities, in fast response areas to reduce the negative impact of river flooding events.

We are developing cutting-edge technology which uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) and 'Smart' sensors to generate clear alerts and messages for fast responding catchments, which will enable us to develop an improved early flood warning system. To do this well, we are working with technical experts, engineers, responders, county council, flood wardens and local communities

We would like to consult you first, to ensure we build the technology in a way which will help you make better decisions during a flood event. We understand that not everyone is affected by flooding events but with weather events becoming harder to predict, we believe awareness is critical.

We will be at the Millennium Hall, Riding Mill, on the 2nd of November from 3:30pm. You can join us at:

- the drop-in sessions either from 3:30pm to 5pm or 6:30pm to 7:30pm; or
- a workshop from 6pm to 7:30pm where we will have in-depth conversations with members of the community, during which a voice like yours would be critical to shaping the conversation.

Address: Millennium Hall, Church Lane, Riding Mill, NE44 6DS

Food provided by Two J's Wood Fired Pizza

Really looking forward to seeing you all there.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rebecca Croft - rebecca.croft@northumberland.gov.uk

Either drop in at the times above or sign up for the workshop at <https://forms.office.com/e/b9aKQzr384>

PTA News

Winter swap shop:

Thank you everyone who donated items to the winter swap shop. We hope you found some fabulous items in return!

AGM:

We will be hosting our AGM after school on 9th November. This is a great opportunity to hear about the things we fundraised for last year and events we hope to organise this year. It would be great to see you there and hear your ideas! Please inform the school office if you can join us.

PTA website:

http://www.broomhaugh.northumberland.sch.uk/website/about_our_pta/668270

Check out our revamped pages on the school website for information on what we do and have successfully fundraised last year.

Second hand uniform:

Don't forget we run a second hand uniform system. If you are in need of anything, contact us at broomhaugh.pta@outlook.com or chat to us in the playground. We are short on jumpers aged 5-6 and 7-8, unfortunately, but if you have any unwanted items, we'll gladly take them from you!

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Notes
October		
Monday 23 rd	Road Safety Week Kema Kay Visit	
Wednesday 25 th	Year 3 Family Lunch	Postponed will let you know when date has been rescheduled
Thursday 26 th	Bonfire Lunch CANCELLED Year 3 & 4 Forest School School Closes for half term PTA Pumpkin Party CANCELLED	CANCELLED Stone Age Forest School Session School Clubs & Squirrels on pm A disco will go ahead after half term, more information to follow
Friday 27 th	Teacher Training Day	School Closed
November		
Monday 6 th	School Re-opens	
Wednesday 8 th	Year 4 Family Lunch	Postponed will let you know when date has been rescheduled
Thursday 9	Reception 2024 Open Day PTA Annual General Meeting	9:30-10am / 5:00-5:30pm In school 3:30pm More info to follow
Tuesday 14 th	Cinema Visit Yrs 1, 2, 3 & 4	More information to follow
Friday 17 th	Children in Need Lunch	
Tuesday 28 th	Christmas Pudding Stir up	
December		
Wednesday 6	Hey Diddle Diddle Queens Hall Visit	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Information sent out
Thursday 21 st	Christmas Lunch	
Friday 22 nd	School closes for Christmas 1:30	
January 2024		
Monday 8 th	School re-opens	
February		
Thursday 8 th	KS1 Basketball Festival	More Information to follow
Wednesday 14 th	Valentines Lunch	
Thursday 15 th	School closes for half term 3:15	
Monday 26 th	School Re-opens	
March		
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day	More Information to follow
Friday 15 th	Red Nose Day Lunch	More Information to follow
Tuesday 19 th	KS2 Football Festival @ CFS	More Information to follow
Thursday 28	Easter Lunch School closed for Easter 3:15	
April		
Monday 15	School re-opens	
May		
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 7 May	Year 4 Residential Dukeshouse Wood	More Information to follow

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Thursday 16	KS1 Tennis Festival @ BFS	More Information to follow
Friday 24	School Closes for half term 3:15	
June		
Monday 3	School re-opens	
Tuesday 18	KS1 & KS2 Cricket Festival @ Corbridge Cricket Club	More Information to follow
Thursday 20	Textile Art Exhibition 9:30 – 9pm Year 4 Leavers Service	St Andrews Church, Corbridge Newcastle Cathedral
Friday 21	Textile Art Exhibition 9:30 – 4pm	St Andrews Church, Corbridge
July		
Wednesday 17 th	Leavers Lunch	
Friday 19 th	School Closes for Summer holidays	
September		
Tuesday 3	School Re-opens 2024	



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