



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6 DECEMBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had several visitors in school this week and last, with some of our governors coming in to school to chat about curriculum developments, the fabulous secret garden club as well as our outdoor learning opportunities. It is lovely to be able to share some of the lovely things we do! We also welcomed some visiting teachers in to Year 1/2 this week and we were so proud of how hard the children worked and their positive, welcoming attitude, well done to all of the class for a super morning! Our reception class had a very special visit to Chopwell woods to choose our Christmas tree and top class impressed their friends and younger children with some super presentations about The Stone Age! We hope that you have all made an excellent start to the Christmas Reading Challenge – keep it up! In our staffroom we have a kindness advent calendar – don't forget that as well as showing kindness to others, show kindness to yourself!

Have a lovely weekend.

J. Ainsley S Gray

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



Operation Encompass

There will be a drop in talk for parents on Wednesday 11th December between 3:15 – 4pm for any parents wanting to discuss any issues relating to this. Please see attached letter.

Loving learning at Broomhaugh this week





Walking Bus

Thank you very much to all of the parent volunteers who have kept the walking bus going over the past few weeks. Unfortunately there are not enough parent volunteers for this to continue after the Christmas holiday but we wish to thank everyone who has given some of their time to support this.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December!

We will be joining in with Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day and would like everyone to wear Christmassy clothes and bring in a £1 donation. **Please do not buy any new clothes** just for this and below are some ideas to dress it up:

Wear your Christmas jumper or t-shirt, Christmas tights, tinsel or antlers in your hair, borrow a Christmas top, swap a Christmas top, decorate your own clothes with pompoms, tinsel, baubles!

Thank you! From the School Council

Secret Garden Club

This week we have been topping up our bird feeders. The fat balls are going down very well but the birds are mainly ignoring the bird seed. Because we are a nut free school we are trialling sunflower seeds in the birdfeeders. We are going to monitor the feeders to see if this proves to be popular with the birds. We have been making little telescopes and finding small interesting things in the garden. We have written some haiku about the things we have spotted.



Small yellow berries hanging in the evergreen tree feeding winter birds.



Teacher-led after school clubs finished for the term with the exception of Rockpoptastic which will continue until the holidays at a lunchtime with Mrs Gray and Magpie Sports Club on Tuesday from 3:15 – 4:30 there are 2 sessions left.

The Book People – Big Book Boost

Don't forget if you are buying books for yourself or gifts sign up for the Big Book Boost via the book people <https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>

For every £10 you spend, you will earn £1 for school. It is very easy, if you are shopping just click on the Big Book Boost at the top of the website and choose our school then continue shopping as normal. This is perfect in time for Christmas shopping. Thank you in advance for your support.

Children's Cancer Run Sunday 17 May 2020:

Registration for this event is now open. Please sign up if you would like to take part.
www.nccr.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2020/

Special Christmas film at the Parish Hall Sunday 8th December

There will be a film afternoon in the village at the Parish Hall on Sunday 8th December at 2pm followed by the switch-on of the Christmas tree lights. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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Diary dates are printed below.....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
PLEASE BE AWARE NORTHUMBERLAND'S HALF TERM IS DIFFERENT TO SOME OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES		
Friday 6 December	Christingle Workshop 6pm Millennium Hall followed by a short Christingle Service at St James' Church at 6:30pm	Organised by St James' Church
Sunday 8 December	Film Showing at Parish Hall 'Nativity' Christmas Tree Light switch on	Doors open at 2pm Film at 2:15pm 4:30pm
Tuesday 10 December	The Holly & The Ivy Roadshow 2pm	Show for whole School
Wednesday 11 December	Operation Encompass parent drop in session 3:15 – 4:00	Optional opportunity to speak to PC Donnison regarding Operation Encompass
Friday 13 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser - letter sent out to parents
Monday 16 December	Pupils Rehearsal for Nativity (9:00am – 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) Yr 3 & 4 Singing at Wentworth Grange 2pm – 2:30pm	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.		
Tuesday 24 December	Crib Service @ St James Church 'The Christmas Story and Carols 4pm	All families welcome
Monday 6 January	School Closed Teacher Training Day	
Tuesday 7 January 2020	Welcome Back to this New Year	
Friday 31 January	PTA Film Night	Further information to follow
Saturday 8 February	PTA Spring Social @ Parish Hall	Further information to follow
Thursday 13 February	PTA Cake & Uniform Sale	Further information to follow
Friday 20 March – 3 April	The Great British Spring Clean	The country's biggest mass-action environmental campaign – Further information to follow
Friday 3 April	PTA Break the Rules Day	Further information to follow
Sunday 17 May	Greggs Cancer Run	Further information to follow
Friday 22 May	PTA Cake & Uniform Sale & Non Uniform Day	Further information to follow
Saturday 6 June	PTA Summer Social	Further information to follow

Year 3/4 swimming dates –Autumn Term 2019 – Wednesdays – 2 lessons left this term

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