



## BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 22 OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what a final week... Black History Month class days have resulted in some amazing discussion, artwork, and important learning and reflection from our youngest to our oldest children who all have impressed us with their wisdom and understanding of important issues. We are all unique and should celebrate our differences and strengths.

Our brightest bubble day has seen the school shining today and the vibrant colours all around today have helped us celebrate the end of a successful and positive first half term back in school. Hopefully you will have time to enjoy seeing some of the fun and inspiring learning through our website and Twitter. Thank you for all of the sponsor money we have received so far and for all of the miles that families and staff have walked. We will let you know final totals as soon as we have them but a big well done to everyone!

It was with some sadness that the Year 4 bubble at Corbridge First School needed to go home this week but we are grateful that all members of the bubble are well. After dropping in to their 'google online classroom' yesterday it was great to see the application of the home learning Google Classroom and this has left us very positive that if bubbles do need to close in the future here at Broomhaugh, we are very well prepared due to the precautions and systems in school, which is also a positive in an unwanted situation.

We would like to thank you all for your overwhelming support as we have completed our first half of autumn term. Kind words keep us going at challenging and tiring times so once again many thanks! Mrs Gray and I could not wish to work alongside a more dedicated staff team and we are very grateful for the support of our governors, the diocese and of course the amazing children and you, their families who we get to serve.

Obviously since our return we have been separated in bubbles, so school is different, but we are all back together in one sense which is a true blessing and something which we hope remains in place all year.

As always thank you, and have a lovely break.

*J Ainsley & S Gray*

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



### **Virtual Harvest Service**

As you know we hoped to share our virtual service on the website so families and our community could enjoy the service and celebrate with us. After working hard to make this possible we now unfortunately know that posting large videos to our website is not currently possible. All the children have enjoyed watching the service in school and children in Years 1-4 can also access the video in their Google 360 Classroom so will be able to share this with you at home.

Unfortunately the file is not able to be shared through Tapestry at this time but due to this issue we will aim to set up 360 platforms for all reception and nursery children as soon as possible so we can share with you too. Thank you for your patience with us – it is all a huge learning curve for us too!

### School Holiday Task

As part of Walk to School Month, Parents/Carers are invited to send photos of their child(ren) being active, to be used on our website/social media – we would love to share your adventures! If you are tweeting directly don't forget to tag us @broomhaughce so we can share your fun!

**Christmas Cards or Personalised Gifts** We know it is only October but we are busy creating designs in school this week that can be created into Christmas cards or items which may solve some gift ideas for your families this Christmas. We will let you know when these are coming home and will be available for you to make orders if you wish.

### Families interested in Reception Places for September 2021

If you have friends/relatives with children due to start reception class in September 2021 - please pass on this information. We are aiming to welcome visitors to view the school and ask questions (following socially distanced guidelines) on Monday 30 November at 6pm – for ADULTS ONLY. If you already have children in school and are already part of the Broomhaugh family, we hope the visit may not be needed for you, therefore numbers can be reduced, and places taken by those who do not already know our school.

**Please contact the school office to book a place!**

We will only offer this one visit this year due to restrictions, and the set-up of the tour will fully adhere to social distancing guidelines with all those attending given clear instructions on safety measures.

### Bike/scooter security

We were informed that a bike was stolen from Ovingham Middle School this week. Just a reminder that bikes and scooters are left in the school storage at your own risk but that you are welcome to put a lock on your item if you wish.

### Coronavirus

We require all adults to wear face coverings during drop off and collection – Thank you for your cooperation.

### Public Health England (PHE)

We are continuing to take heed of all advice sent via Public Health England, the Government, Diocese and Council. Please continue to inform us if there are any changes in your circumstances, particularly in this new period of local lockdown. The following advice from the NHS is linked below:

NHS Test and Trace: if you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus (COVID-19), please follow the link below for advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

**Diary Dates:** Dates in red are new dates which have been added

| Date                          | Event   | Notes   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Monday 28 September           | <b>INTRODUCTION OF ADULT FACE COVERINGS FOR COLLECTION AND DROP OFF</b><br>We recognise some people will have medical reasons for not using a face covering and we ask that all adults play their own part without commenting on the behaviour of others. |   |
| Thursday 22 October           | <b>Break Up for Half Term</b><br>(don't forget to tweet or email your 'be active' photos)   |   |
| Monday 2 November             | School Reassembles<br>Parent Consultation Telephone Calls this week   |   |
| Wednesday 4 November          | Engineering Day<br>Swimming commences for Year 3 & 4<br><b>Recorder Tuition Years 1 &amp; 2</b>   | More information to follow<br><b>Year 1 &amp; 2 Bring in Recorder</b> |
| Friday 13 November            | World Kindness Day  |   |
| Monday 16 November            | Anti-Bullying Week / Road Safety Week / World Nursery Rhymes Week<br>Odd socks day  | More information to follow  |
| <b>Monday 30 November 6pm</b> | <b>School tour for September 2021 intake.</b><br><b>Places must be pre-booked.</b>  | <b>ADULTS ONLY</b>  |

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| <b>December</b>        |   |                            |
| Thursday 10 December   | Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day | More information to follow |
| Friday 18 December     | Break up for Christmas Holidays           |                            |
| <b>January 2021</b>    |   |                            |
| Tuesday 5 January 2021 | School Re-opens following Christmas Break |                            |
| <b>February</b>        |   |                            |
| Friday 12 February     | Daft as a Brush - Non Uniform Day         | Details to follow          |
| <b>March</b>           |   |                            |
| Friday 19 March        | Red Nose Day                              |                            |
| July 2021              |   |                            |
| 16 July                | School Closes for Summer Break            |                            |
| September              |   |                            |
| Tuesday 7 September    | School Re-opens following Summer Break    |                            |



**Every *Wednesday* for Years 1 & 2 Recorder Lessons!**

***Remember to bring in your recorder!***