



BROOMHAUGH C OF E
FIRST SCHOOL

September 2017

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back - I hope everyone had a great summer. The holidays seemed to have flown past but it is good to see everyone back at school.



We welcome and wish happy times to new staff and children. We have a new Teaching Assistant in Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Helen Hunter. At the start of this year Helen will also be working in Reception Class. Some of you may know Helen as she lives in the village and her children attended pre-school. We would also like to welcome Mrs Gillian Wilkinson who is working with Marrie as Kitchen Assistant and as our Dinner Supervisor.

We have new starters in Reception class so would like to say a special hello to Beatrice, Benjamin, Harry, Jack, Joseph, Liam Matthew, Molly and Myla - we hope they and their families are going to enjoy days at Broomhaugh.

The work that was being carried out at school on the roof and front of building was only completed this weekend please bear with us as we are still sorting some things out in the building as we have not been able to have access to all of our rooms. However we hope you agree the school now looks very smart and should be warmer with better insulation on the roof.

I would like to give a few reminders about general procedures that make life so much easier for us all.

- Please ensure everyone arrives at school in time for the bell at 8.55am. A member of staff will be in the yard from 8.50am onwards so you are able to leave children then. Children come out of school at 3.15pm. If you are not picking your child up we need to have a message to tell us who is collecting them or else we will not allow your child to go home with another parent/aunt/grandparent etc
- Reception parents may come in with their child when the bell goes but all other children should be coming in to school themselves - our entrance is not big enough to accommodate parents as well as the children.
- If you have a message to give to a member of staff this **MUST** be done before the bell goes - as soon as the children start to come in to school all staff are busy welcoming them and cannot talk to parents at that point.



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- If your child is absent from school we need to know so we need to receive a message - preferably by telephone to inform us of their absence before the start of the day
- PE kits should be in small bags on pegs for the whole week - that way if a child gets very wet or muddy they all have a change of clothes at school. If it is possible to avoid other bags (large backpacks), apart from reading book bags we would be grateful as cloakrooms can get very crowded
- We do not wear shoes in school - children are very welcome to bring in sensible slippers to wear ie not huge novelty slippers
- We go out to play in all weathers so children need to have appropriate outdoor clothing and wellies
- Please remember to park considerately in the village - last term the parking officer was frequently at school and I would hate anyone to start the term with a fine to pay!
- Any money that needs to be sent to school - dinner, swimming, milk etc should be sent in a labelled envelope with the child's name and what the money is for clearly written on the front
- Anyone who needs an inhaler or EpiPen at school needs to fill in a medical form in the school office - please ensure these are up to date
- PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM INCLUDING SHOES AND WELLIES

School Dinners, Milk, Swimming

Letters will be going out to parents about the costs of these - please remember Reception, Year 1 and 2 children receive the Universal Free school meals grant to cover the cost of school dinners. Swimming is for Years 2, 3 & 4 every Friday so please don't forget your swimming kit

After school Clubs

These letters will be going out next week to commence 18th September and Walking Bus will begin on Friday 15th September

Squirrels

If you wish your child to attend Squirrels before or after school then they must be registered and bookings must be made with Squirrels not school - telephone number 07933901732



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Dates for your Diary

We have already fixed many activities - please keep a note of them! Other activities may be added.

Fri 8 th Sept	No pens day - holiday Diaries to be brought to school, swimming starts for Yr 2,3,4
Mon 11 th Sept	Curriculum info meeting Yr 1 +2 - 3.15pm
Thurs 14 th Sept	Curriculum Info Meeting Reception - 2.50pm
Fri 15 th Sept	Curriculum info meeting Yr 3+4 - 3.15pm Walking Bus begins
Week beginning 18 th Sept	After school clubs to start
Wed 27 th Sept	50 th Birthday party - the school celebrates being in this building for 50 years- details to follow
October	We join in with national theme of The Big Draw -drawing activities around the theme of Living Lines
Wk Beginning 9 th Oct	Lists go up for parents to make appointments for Parents Evenings
Tues 10 th Oct	Harvest Festival (TBC)
Thurs 19 th Oct	Open afternoon 2.30pm onwards Celebration of The Big Draw
Thurs 20 th Oct	Teacher Training Day



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Wk beginning 23 rd Oct	Half Term week
Sun 29 th Oct	Pre - school Pumpkin Party at Millennium Hall
Mon 30 th Oct	Parents evening for Reception, Yr 1,2,3,4
Tues 31 st Oct	Parents evenings for Reception Yr 1,2,3,4
Wed 1 st Nov	Parents Evenings for Rec Yr 1,2
Thurs 2 nd Nov	Parents Evenings for Reception, Yr 3,4
Fri 3 rd Nov	Parents Evenings for Yr 3,4
Tues 7 th Nov	Day of music activities - carousel system
Fri 17 th Nov	Children In Need Day
Sat 25 th Nov	Open Morning for prospective starters in Sept 2018 10am-12 pm
Wed 29 th Nov	Opening Morning for prospective starters in Sept 2018 10am - 12pm
Wed 13 th Dec	School Christmas lunch
Mon 18 th Dec	School walk to Bluebell woods to give Christmas treats to animals
Tues 19 th Dec	Nativity at St James- 2.30pm and 5.30pm (TBC)
Wed 20 th Dec	Christmas Party Reception , Yr 1,2
Thurs 21 st Dec	Christmas Party Yr 3,4
Fri 22 nd Dec	Carol Singing at Parish Hall (TBC)



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Please remember we try very hard to keep the school website up to date with events and news so do keep checking it too: www.broomhaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Dates are also put up in the 2 school notice boards as are menus and copies of the newsletters that are sent out.

This is a very long term but we really hope it will be interesting and that the children will accomplish much in their new classes at the start of our new school year.

Ms Jen Stephenson
Headteacher