



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023

Dear Families,

And so we find ourselves at the end of what has been an exciting, fun-packed Spring Term. I can't believe we are already two thirds of the way through the year! As I look back over the last few newsletters, it is a joy to see the amazing opportunities and successes we have seen in school and how much our children have loved every minute.

This week has been all about Easter. Our Easter carousel day on Wednesday was a huge success where the children recreated many of the important events that took place during Holy Week. They had their feet washed by the teachers, made palm leaves to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem (Hosanna!) and also took a Holy Communion of bread and 'wine' to consider Jesus' sacrifice for us all. Rev. Diana joined us on the day and even led communion for one group, which was a wonderful experience. On Friday, Mrs. Hart introduced the children to the traditional Easter game of 'egg jarping'. The rule of the game is simple: one holds a hard-boiled egg and taps the egg of another participant with one's own egg intending to break the other's, without breaking one's own. Simple, but so much fun!

We brought the week and the term to a close with our Easter service where it was so lovely to welcome so many of you to church. The children sang and spoke beautifully.

I hope you all have a restful holiday – hopefully with an improvement to the weather – and enjoy some family time together.

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
Year 2 98.5%	Year 1 95.7%	Year 3 95.5%

Forest School News

This term, Reception and Class 2 have braved all weathers during their Forest School sessions!

Back in January, Reception Class enjoyed hearing the Stick Man story, which inspired us to make our own stick men and women, and then take them on adventures in the woods. In National Storytelling Week, I told the story of The Three Little Pigs, with everyone joining in with all the huffing and puffing. The children then



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toasted marshmallows on the campfire and made up their own stories to tell each other. In another session we thought about how, why and where birds make their nests. I challenged the children to make a nest for my needle-felted Little Robin, who thoroughly enjoyed sitting in all the different nests that were made. On World Book Day I read Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy and then we all made a log dog. We learned how to attach a string lead to our log dog using a lark's foot knot, then we had the most excellent fun taking our log dogs on a little walk and playing with them in the woods - some of them were even taught tricks!

When the snow came in March we enjoyed playing and exploring in it and we found lots of bird tracks to follow. We enjoyed a miniature matchbox treasure hunt, seeing how many different tiny woodland treasures we could fit into a little matchbox. We have also been on a hunt across the school grounds searching for signs of Spring; we found flowers, catkins, new buds on the trees and lots of other new plant growth. We have learned a new hide and seek game called Spot, which has quickly become a favourite, and we have loved climbing trees, relaxing in the hammock and crawling through the bushes. We ended the term with a hunt for little foil wrapped chocolates that the Easter Bunny had left for us, and had a go at hapa zome, the Japanese art of leaf bashing.

Class 2 enjoyed their first experience using the kelly kettle. We lit the fire in the bottom of the kettle and when the water boiled we made hot chocolate - essential to help us stay warm in the depths of winter! We have also enjoyed lots of campfire cooking. We have made popcorn, toasted marshmallows to make s'mores, and made a super popular lentil dahl with naan bread. We have had the tools out for many of our sessions and the children have had the opportunity to use the bow saw, palm drill, hand drill, hacksaw and peelers. This has meant we have made lots of different things; wood cookie jewellery, woodland people, mobiles, wind chimes and even some bird feeding stations to hang in the trees. We have made friendship bracelets and some beautiful God's Eyes using sticks and yarn, we also used rose petals and fern leaves to create hapa zome art on fabric. In National Storytelling Week we made up stories using a combination of natural objects found in the woods and some everyday objects selected from a bag. The stories were wildly imaginative and extremely funny! We have been feeding the birds throughout the winter and have had enormous fun playing lots of games, including Longest Line (so much funnier than it sounds!), Bat and Moth, and Spot.

As you can see, we have had a busy, productive and fun term up in our lovely forest area. If you would like to see for yourselves, have a look at the photos on the school website (the Forest School tab is on the home page).

Sarah Curtis (Forest School Leader)

After School Clubs will commence Monday 24 April, letters have been sent home, please return by Friday 31 March if you wish for your child to participate. Payments will be set up on Parentmail in April.

Summer Term 1		
Monday 3:15 – 4:00	Mrs Errington/Mrs Robertson x 5 wks	Wellbeing Club
Tuesday 3:15 – 4:00	Mrs Burton x 5 wks	Comic Strip Club
Wednesday 3:15 – 4:00	Tom Geary	Tennis
Thursday 3:15 – 4:15	Mattie Thompson	Athletics/Cricket/Rounders
Thursday 3:15 – 4:00	Mrs Gray x 5 wks	Nature Detectives

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Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Event	Notes
March		
Friday 31 March	Mathematics Competition School Closes for Easter Holidays	Winners announced today
April		
Monday 17	School Re-opens TCS Mini London Marathon in school	To complete the challenge! All the children need to do is run, jog, walk or wheel 1 mile each in between Monday 17 April and Friday 12 May . This is in the hope that we help beat a Guinness World Record!
Tuesday 18	Year 4 Parents Residential Mtg	3:30 in Year 4 classroom
May		
Monday 1	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Thursday 4	Year 4 Residential Visit	Information to be sent home soon
Friday 5	Coronation Lunch Corbridge Bake Off Year 4 Residential Visit Return	Cakes to be delivered to St Andrew's Church by 2pm today, Cakes will be judged at 4pm – 4:30 by Carol Malia. Cake sale after winners announced.
Monday 8	Bank Holiday HM Coronation Day Royal Parade at Parish Hall	School Closed Fun activities, music & dancing from 1pm – 5pm. More information to follow.
Tuesday 9	Year 1 & 2 Skipping Competition	Wentworth Leisure Centre
Thursday 25	Year 3 & 4 visit to Roman Fort	More Information to follow
Friday 26	Last day of school half term	
June		
Monday 5	School Re-opens	
Wednesday 21	Teddy Bears Picnic	
July		
Tuesday 4	Transfer Day	More Information to follow
Wednesday 19	Leavers Lunch	
Friday 21	Last day of school term	



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