



## BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 11 OCTOBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has passed and we have been working our socks off. The year 3/4 children have been continuing their work as hunter-gatherers and have had a spear throwing competition and have eaten stone age fruit stew. The ingredients included some of what the children had foraged last week (blackberries) and other fruits they brought in from their gardens. The children prepared the ingredients themselves and were excellent at chopping, slicing and grating. Year 1/2 have begun work on their very own aquarium models. They have been learning all sorts of interesting facts about the marine life that lives around the Galapagos Islands. It has been all huff and puff in Reception where the children have worked really hard on a range of activities about The Three Little Pigs, they even made their own bricks! Clubs are now well underway. Any children who wish to join Rockpoptastic in Reception and Year 1 are very welcome to come along, just mention it to Mrs Gray.

Have a lovely weekend.

*J. Ainsley S Gray*

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



### Happy Shoesday

Thank you all for your donations for Happy Shoesday for Living Streets. A total of £51.50 was raised.

### Parent Consultations

You should have received a letter from your child's class teacher/s this week. Please complete the slip attached and return to school by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### Squirrels before and after school club

Can we kindly ask parents and carers to keep squirrels informed of any changes to arrangements for your children. There are certain days where the club is very busy and we need to make sure that staffing ratios are appropriate. They will strive to accommodate children wherever possible but need to be contacted directly as we do not have copies of attendance lists etc in school. This would also apply to times where children are not attending on their regular day such as this weeks PTA movie night. Thank you for your support in this.

### Loving learning at Broomhaugh this week





### The Secret Garden

This week in the Secret Garden we have been looking after our willow tunnel by weaving in branches. We have been birdwatching and sketching and crocheting. On Wednesday we celebrated Ada Lovelace Day – a day where we celebrate women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We read about Ada Lovelace, the mathematician who wrote the very first computer programme. Then we read about computer scientists Grace Hopper and Margaret Hamilton. We then found out about the inspirational paleontologist Mary Anning and the ancient Egyptian mathematician Hypatia.



**Reverend Lesley Chapman** is retiring from her position at St James' Church and we have all been invited to her retirement service at **St James Church on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**. We have been asked if our children would like to sing for Lesley and we would be proud to do this as Lesley has supported us so well in school. We would appreciate it if as many children (and parents) as possible could attend this service to show our appreciation. The children will sing first so if for any reason you are unable to stay, they can still come along and won't miss out. If you are able to attend please could you let us know at the school office so that we have an idea of numbers for our singing.

### Walk to School Month

The month of October is walk to school month and we will be encouraging as many people to join us in walking wherever possible. If you need to come in a car, maybe you could park further along and walk part of the way.

### Walking Bus

We have had 2 volunteers to help with the walking bus on a Friday morning but we still need more to be able to run it consistently and safely. Staff will lead this for 1 more Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The pick-up points would be the same. If you can help with this, please get in touch. If we get a few more volunteers, we will put a rota together of dates from Nov – Christmas.

- 8:20 Broomhaugh Seat
- 8:30 Corner of 'The Wellie' on the grass (Bobby's Side)
- 8:35 Millfield Road (just past the parish hall)
- 8:40 Meadow Park (bottom of the bank)

*Diary dates are printed on next page....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
October 2019	INTERNATIONAL Walk to School Month	Events to be announced
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	St James' Harvest Non-Eucharist Service 10am	Please note this is not our school harvest service which will be held on 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct
Monday 14 October	Nasal Flu Immunisations (am)	For pupils who have been given consent
Tuesday 15 October	Reception Class Photo	Hexham Courant
Friday 18 October	Walking Bus (3 of 3 part of Oct walk to school month)	
Saturday 19 October	Messy Church Event @ St Nicholas Cathedral 4pm-5:30pm	Email sent to Parents
Monday 21 October	Parent Consultation Week  Harvest Festival at St James Church 9:15am – 9:45am  Aladdin Competition	Appointment letters have been sent out To be returned by Monday 14 October 9:15am @St James Church – all welcome Donations gratefully received for the West Northumberland Food Bank. Entries to be in by today
Tuesday 22 October	Year 4 Parent / Family Meeting – 2:45pm Residential Information	This year a residential will be offered to our Year 4 pupils in summer term.
Wednesday 23 October	Parent Drop In 8:15am – 8:45am Delivered by Sarah Donnison – Operation Encompass	Further information to follow.
Thursday 24 October	PTA Cake & Uniform Sale from 3:15pm	Cake donations welcome and can be dropped off in the morning or at pick up
<b>School closes at 3.15pm on Thursday 24 October 2019 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 4 November.</b> <b>PLEASE BE AWARE NORTHUMBERLAND'S HALF TERM IS DIFFERENT TO SOME OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES</b>		
Tuesday 5 November	Bonfire Lunch	
Week commencing 11 November Monday 11 November	Anti – Bullying Week This year the theme is “Change starts with us” <b>Open Morning</b> Daft as a Brush Annual Christmas Tree Light Switch On 4:30pm	Further information to follow.  Prospective Pupils Daft as a Brush House, Gosforth Parents & Children welcome.
Wednesday 13 November	World Kindness Day	Event info to follow.
Friday 15 November	Special Lunch for Children in Need BBC Children In Need Day Children in Need Special Lunch	Charity fundraiser – information to follow.
Monday 18 November	Road Safety Week	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 19 November	Christmas Pudding Stir Up	
Friday 22 November	PTA Disco 5pm – 6:30pm	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 3 December	Reception Class visit to Chopwell Woods	Further information to follow
Friday 13 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Monday 16 December	Pupils Rehearsal for Nativity (900am – 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)	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.
<b>School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 20 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen for children on Tuesday 7 January 2020.</b>		

**Year 3/4 swimming dates –Autumn Term 2019 – Wednesdays – 9 lessons left this term**

16 and 23 October	6, 13, 20 and 27 November	4, 11 and 18 December
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