



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4 DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As December arrived, so has a flutter of snow! We have a grit plan on display of the pathways we clear in school but we urge all families to take care in the snow and ice this winter. We will take the opportunity to let the children explore and enjoy the snow if it truly arrives, so we ask for your continued support in wrapping them up warmly when they come to school.

Advent has begun and marks a time of waiting. This year it feels we have spent much time waiting for an end to these difficult times but this waiting, for the excitement and joy of Christmas and as lights begin to twinkle and carols and Christmas songs are filling the air has marked hope for more welcome times.

The 'Christmas in a Bag' your children will bring home today is a gift from the Newcastle Diocese which were so kindly prepared and delivered by our Parochial Parish Council (PCC) at St. James' church. They link to the Moments of Faith boxes which the children brought home last week and we hope you and the children have much enjoyment exploring them.

Christmas, dinner parties and shows are also going to be a highlight in our last two weeks. Pupil Progress Meetings are also scheduled in which Mrs Gray and I get to understand all the children's achievements through this term as teachers report back to us, looking at how far they have already come both academically and personally. The meetings are a great conclusion to the term and helps us make plans to ensure next term the children all continue to thrive. The progress we have been seeing around school is fantastic and a testament to the hard work of all the staff team for which we cannot thank them enough.

Have a lovely weekend.

J Ainsley & S Gray

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



Santa Dash Fun Run

On Tuesday 8th December we will be taking part in the School Games Santa Dash Fun Run. This is a fun run on our field and the children are invited to wear Santa hats, Christmas headbands or festive head gear to share the sparkle and joy. Any festive head wear should be brought in to school on Tuesday 8th December and should be kept in book bags through the day.

School Admissions Criteria

Governors have opened a consultation on school's admission's criteria. This can be found on our website. The consultation runs from Friday 13th November until Monday 28th December 2020, and all comments are welcome.

Advent boxes for the foodbank reminder

If you would like to get involved we would be happy to have you drop your Advent Box at the Church Cottage around school pick up and drop off times on **Tuesday 8th December** and we will tweet the good news.

NCC Message – Socially Distancing

I know times are hard right now and we are asked to do a lot, but we really need to work together and do our bit. I know it is tempting to catch up after dropping off or picking up your children, but it is important that we keep our distance and don't congregate at this time.

We are doing our bit to keep your children safe in school. Help us by doing your bit as well. Protect yourself, protect others and protect Northumberland.

Link for animation - <https://youtu.be/bPzalrAx8Js>

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	INTRODUCTION OF ADULT FACE COVERINGS FOR COLLECTION AND DROP OFF 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.	
December		
Tuesday 8 December	Advent boxes for West Northumberland Food Bank/Prudhoe Miners Lamp Hub	Drop off point will be set up @ The Church Cottage TODAY and around school drop off/pick up times. Thank You!
	Santa Dash Fun Run	Santa hats, Christmas headbands and festive head wear are welcome
Thursday 10 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Christingle activities in school	Wear a festive jumper to school today
Monday 14 December	Holly & Ivy Performance for pupils	Taking place in school
Tuesday 15 December	Reception Christmas Party	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	More information to follow
Thursday 17 December	Year 1/2 Christmas Party	More information to follow
Friday 18 December	Christmas Carol Service in school	To be shared virtually with families
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays	
January 2021		
Tuesday 5 January 2021	School Re-opens following Christmas Break	
February		
Friday 12 February	Daft as a Brush - Non Uniform Day	Details to follow
March		
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.