



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 29 NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a cold and wet week this week but that hasn't dampened our spirits as we start preparations for our Christmas celebrations. As well as thinking about the festivities, in worship we have been considering the true roots of Christmas and traditions for togetherness and remembrance. We had a visit on Friday from Anne from St James' Church to tell the children about Christingles to remind the children about the workshop at Millennium Hall on 6th December followed by a short Christingle service at St James' Church.

The children have also been very busy across school in their classrooms, I have seen some fabulous phonics and writing in Reception, some super maths grouping and sorting in Year 1/2 and some excellent model making in Year 3/4.

Today we have introduced the Broomhaugh Advent Reading Challenge. This is aimed at all children (and parents if you wish) to promote reading for pleasure in the run up to Christmas. The idea is to read a book a day every day from 1-20th December. Everyone who completes the challenge will receive a certificate and have their entries put in to a prize draw – we hope everyone will get involved – Happy Reading!

Thank you again to everyone who donated to the Poppy appeal. We raised a total of £167.11 for the British Legion!

Have a lovely weekend.

J. Ainsley S Gray

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



Loving learning at Broomhaugh this week





Secret Garden Club

This week in the Secret Garden we have been feeding and watching the birds. We have started being visited regularly by a little robin. We have also been sketching and crafting. We have been making bookmarks from flowers we collected and pressed last month. Mrs Gray also ran Rockpoptastic from the Secret Garden on Friday – if you were walking past at lunchtime you may have heard us!



Teacher-led after school clubs finished for the term

Thank you to everyone who has attended an after school club this term, as usual they have been very well attended and the children have had a great time. **Clubs are now finished with the exception of Rockpoptastic which will continue until the holidays at a lunchtime with Mrs Gray.**

There are still 3 sessions of the Magpie Sports Club on Tuesday from 3:15 – 4:30.

The Book People – Big Book Boost

One of our governors has kindly signed us up for the Big Book Boost via the book people

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>

For every £10 you spend, you will earn £1 for school. It is very easy, if you are shopping just click on the Big Book Boost at the top of the website and choose our school then continue shopping as normal. This is perfect in time for Christmas shopping. Thank you in advance for your support.

Children's Cancer Run Sunday 17 May 2020:

Registration for this event opens on Sunday 1st December. Please sign up if you would like to take part. www.nccr.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2020/

Special Christmas film at the Parish Hall Sunday 8th December

There will be a film afternoon in the village at the Parish Hall on Sunday 8th December at 2pm followed by the switch-on of the Christmas tree lights. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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Broomhaugh First School are now registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

If you're shopping the Amazon Black Friday sales, please make sure you use #easyfundraising. You can raise a FREE donation for Broomhaugh CE First School Riding Mill with EVERY purchase – at no extra cost to yourself! This is such an easy way to help us out at the same time as bagging some great bargains!

Visit: <http://efraising.org/UUbNOHJl3Q>

You can find our **easyfundraising** page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/broomhaughfirst/?utm_campaign=raise-more

Diary dates are printed below.....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
PLEASE BE AWARE NORTHUMBERLAND'S HALF TERM IS DIFFERENT TO SOME OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES		
Tuesday 3 December	Reception Class visit to Chopwell Woods Riding Mill Pre School Open Morning	1:30 – 2:45 See attached flyer
Wednesday 4 December	PTA Meeting	8pm @ The Welly
Friday 6 December	Christingle Workshop 6pm Millennium Hall followed by a short Christingle Service at St James' Church at 6:30pm	Organised by St James' Church
Sunday 8 December	Film Showing at Parish Hall 'Nativity' Christmas Tree Light switch on	Doors open at 2pm Film at 2:15pm 4:30pm
Tuesday 10 December	The Holly & The Ivy Roadshow 2pm	Show for whole School
Wednesday 11 December	Operation Encompass parent drop in session 3:15 – 4:00	Optional opportunity to speak to PC Donnison regarding Operation Encompass
Friday 13 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Monday 16 December	Pupils Rehearsal for Nativity (9:00am – 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) Yr 3 & 4 Singing at Wentworth Grange 2pm – 2:30pm	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.
School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 20 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen for children on Tuesday 7 January 2020.		
Tuesday 24 December	Crib Service @ St James Church 'The Christmas Story and Carols 4pm	All families welcome
Monday 6 January	School Closed Teacher Training Day	
Tuesday 7 January 2020	Welcome Back to this New Year	
Friday 31 January	PTA Film Night	Further information to follow
Saturday 8 February	PTA Spring Social @ Parish Hall	Further information to follow
Thursday 13 February	PTA Cake & Uniform Sale	Further information to follow
Friday 3 April	PTA Break the Rules Day	Further information to follow
Sunday 17 May	Greggs Cancer Run	Further information to follow
Friday 22 May	PTA Cake & Uniform Sale & Non Uniform Day	Further information to follow
Saturday 6 June	PTA Summer Social	Further information to follow

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

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