



Broomley First School

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Our overall attendance this week was

95.5%



Well done everyone! Keep up the good work everyone!

SCHOOL UPDATES



PARENTS' EVENINGS - APPOINTMENT SYSTEM NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS

We are holding parents' evenings on Tuesday 28th March and Thursday 30th March (with an extra session on Friday for Y3 parents only). The timings are as follows:

- **Tuesday 28th March - all year groups- appointments available from 3.30pm to 6.00pm (except for Y3 - last appointment is 6.30pm)**
- **Thursday 30th March - all year groups - appointments available from 3.30pm - 6.00pm (except for Y3 - last appointment is 5.00pm)**
- **Friday 31st March - Y3 only - appointments available from 3.30pm to 5.00pm**

The online booking system is now open and appointments can be made following the link below:

<https://broomleyfirst.schoolcloud.co.uk>

If you have any difficulty booking an appointment online, please contact the school office who will be able to manually book an appointment for you.



PARENTAL SURVEYS

Just a reminder, that we have sent out two parental surveys this week. As our new executive head teacher, Mrs Jacobs is keen to find out your thoughts about Broomley First School and would like as many parents and carers as possible to complete the survey below:

Broomley First School - Parent Survey

As our SENDCO, Mrs Ridley is also keen to get feedback from parents about our SEND (special educational needs) provision at Broomley and would like as many parents and carers as possible (not just parents of SEN children) to complete the survey below:

BFS Parental Survey - SEND Provision

We will use the responses to help us improve and develop our SEN provision going forward.



MY CHILD AT SCHOOL APP TO REPLACE PARENTMAIL

After Easter, we will be using a new messaging and online payments system called My Child At School (MCAS). This new system will replace our current ParentMail PMX system.

The advantages of MCAS is that it is linked to our management information system, Bromcom which will help to streamline the amount of information we need to collect.

We will be testing the system on a handful of parents next week to try and iron out any anomalies before we roll it out to all parents. We will be sending more detailed information home over the next couple of weeks with details of how to set up your new account and download the app. This will give us chance to get everyone up and running by the start of the new term.

In order to ensure that all balances can be correctly transferred from ParentMail to MCAS, **we will be stopping online payments in Parentmail from Friday 31 March.** There will be a migration period where balances will be moved across from Parent Mail to MCAS and during this time we will not be able to accept any online payments. We will then hope to go live with the new online payment system shortly after Easter.

Please bear with us through this transition period - there may be a few issues that need to be ironed out but we will keep you updated.



SWIMMING LESSONS - SUMMER TERM - Year 4

In the summer term, our Year 4 class will be going swimming every Wednesday afternoon from 2.15pm to 2.45pm at Prudhoe Waterworld (except for the week where they are at Ford Castle). We will be sending more information home in the next week or so to let you know what kit they require and also to ask for parent volunteers to travel to and from the baths with them.

The Year 3 swimming lessons will stop at the end of the spring term.



MILK - SUMMER TERM

Next week we will be sending out a google form to ask if your child would like to have milk at breaktime. We would be grateful if you could complete this form by Friday 24th March.

We are finding that a number of children are not keen to drink their milk so please could we ask that you double check with your child as to whether they would definitely like to have milk instead of water as their breaktime drink. We encourage the children to drink the milk if it has been ordered for them but would not make them have it if they really don't want it.

RECEPTION CLASS - HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS

Just a reminder that we sent a Parentmail out to all Reception class parents on 10 March to let you know about the National Heights and Weights Program for all Reception and Yr6 children which is carried out in schools by the NHS School Nurse team. If you are happy for the school nurses to measure your child's height and weight, then you do not need to do anything else. **If you would prefer your child not to be measured, please let the school office staff know as soon as possible.**

We will let you know the date that the NHS team will be in school as soon as we have it confirmed.

Please let the office staff know if you need any further information.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION FOR THE MINER'S LAMP IN PRUDHOE

We have received a plea from the Miner's Lamp Food Bank in Prudhoe as their supplies are running very low at the moment. We know that times are tough for a lot of families in our community so would really like to help by having a collection in school. If you are able to spare an item or two for the foodbank collection, please send them into school with your child next week and we will arrange to deliver them to the Miner's Lamp in the last week of term. The list below shows the items that the Miner's Lamp are running short of:



Tinned Carrots
Tinned Potatoes or Packet Smash
Tinned Spaghetti
Tinned Meatballs, Stewed Steak or Mince
Tinned Rice Pudding and Custard
Pot Noddles
Packet Instant Noodles
Microwave Packet Rice
Hot Chocolate
Coffee
Long life milk
Biscuits
Dog & Cat food

Non-food items like;
Shampoo
Conditioner
Ladies and Mens Deodorant
Washing up Liquid
Washing powder or liquid



Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our comic relief red nose day fundraiser. So far we have raised an amazing £192.70.

Our Just Giving Page is still available if anyone else would like to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-broomley-first-school>

TCLT JOBS - HIGHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

There are currently a couple of jobs being advertised at Highfield Middle School which we have been asked to let parents know about. Please follow the links below if you are interested in finding out more:

<https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Cleaner/241307>

https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Lunchtime_Supervisory_Assistant/241308

EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

Tyne Valley Tennis

EASTER Tennis Camp



If you need another copy of the form, please contact the school office.

Week 1 – Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April at HEXHAM (NE46 3EW)
(10am-2pm)

Week 2 – Tuesday 11th April to Friday 14th April at STOCKSFIELD (NE43 7QS)
(10am-2pm)

Price: £16 per day, £60 for all 4 days for club members
£18 per day, £68 for all 4 days for non-members

Packed lunch is needed if staying the whole day! Book before
Friday 31st March to guarantee your place! All ages and levels
covered – 4 to 14.



Player's Name	
Week / Days Attending	
Parents' / Guardians' Name (Contact)	
School and Year	
Age and Date of Birth	
Mobile phone number	
Emergency phone number	
Any Health Conditions (e.g. Asthma, Allergies, etc)	

Please make cheque payable to 'Tyne Valley Tennis' and post it with the form above to:

Tyne Valley Tennis
The Toll House
Wylam
NE41 8HP

BACS payments also possible by prior arrangement with Tom Geary.
Any questions contact Tom Geary: 07817 061898, tom.geary@emx.com

DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 28th March Parents' Evening - more information will be sent home next week
- Thursday 30th March Parents' Evening - more information will be sent home next week
- Friday 31st March PTA Non Uniform Day - raffle prize donations rather than fundraising
- Friday 31st March Break up for Easter holidays
- Monday 17th April Return to school for summer term
- Monday 8th May Additional Bank holiday for the King's Coronation
- Wednesday 7th June Whole Class Photographs
- Wed 28th - Fri 30th June Y4 Ford Castle Residential Trip
- Wednesday 5th July Sports' Day (provisional date) - PTA to provide refreshments
- Friday 14th July Leavers' Disco
- Wednesday 19th July Leavers' Lunch and Leavers' assembly

On behalf of staff and governors, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jacobs

Executive Head Teacher