



## Broomley First School

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Our overall attendance this week was

**98.8%**

**Well done everyone! Keep up the good work everyone!**



## SCHOOL UPDATES



### Staffing Changes in September

Just in case anyone missed the letter from Mrs Jacobs, earlier in the week, we would like to let you know about some staffing changes happening in September:

- Mr Moore will be leaving us at the end of this term as he is literally moving to pastures new in his role with Stomping Grounds Forest School.
- Miss Swan is also leaving us at the end of this term. She is taking up a teaching post at Ryton Infant School.
- Miss Endacott has also been successful in securing a new teaching role at Greenland Community Primary School in Stanley.

Although we are all very sad that these three amazing members of staff are leaving us at the end of this academic year, they are all moving on to new and exciting roles in which we are sure they will excel, and we are sure you would like to join us in wishing them all the very best for the future.

With staff leaving, this also means that we have new members of staff joining us:

- Mrs Cookson and Mrs Charlton will both be joining our team from September. They will both also be here for our transition day on Monday 10th July so they will be able to meet their new classes and get to know the children.
- Miss Mansfield will also be staying with us as a permanent member of the school team which I know is fantastic news for everyone!

We will let you know shortly which teachers will be taking which classes next year.



### Pupil Fund Raising Update - Bethan's Craft Stall

Well done to Bethan who together with some of her friends ran her craft stall this week in school. The stall was very, very popular with the children and everything sold out! What a marvellous achievement Bethan. Thank you to everyone who donated - Bethan raised over £170 for the Toby Henderson Trust.

She and her big brother Evan are also running in the junior great north run later this year and if you would like to find out more about their fundraising efforts or even possibly sponsor them in the run, please follow the link below for more information:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mahoney-kids>



## Sports' Day - Change of Date and Time:

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to move our sports' day. The event will now be on **Thursday 13th July from 2.00pm to 3.00pm** instead of Wednesday 5th July. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but hope that by giving you as much notice as possible, you will all still be able to join us.

## MCAS Online Payments



We have had a couple of queries recently about finding payment options in MCAS as the system does not automatically show payment items on the home screen.

Dinner money balance will show up on the main screen and can be paid by clicking on the box.

Trip voluntary contributions can be found by clicking on **TRIPS** in the menu on the left-hand side of the screen - this should show any upcoming trips for your child. Click on the trip you require and it will take you to the payment screen.

All other payment items such as milk, music, swimming, Father's Day lunches etc can be found by clicking on **PRODUCTS** in the menu on the left-hand side of the screen and selecting the item you would like to pay.

If you need any help or can't find an item you are looking for, please just contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

## Democracy Day



On Friday, we were delighted to welcome Councillor Anne Dale into school for our Democracy Day. Each class was tasked with coming up with a project covering various criteria including sustainability, inclusivity, health and wellbeing, outdoors and green. The project had to be within a set budget and each class then presented their ideas to the other children. The projects included growing vegetables, a butterfly garden, helping the animals by having bird baths and bug houses, nature friends including books on nature, nature hunts and equipment to view nature up close, and outdoor craft equipment. The presentations were excellent and the children all then decided how the budget of £100 would be spent. They chose bits and pieces from each presentation so watch this space to see how these ideas come to fruition.

We would like to say a big thank you to Councillor Dale for giving up her time and also for providing the budget of £100 to enable the children to make their ideas come to life.



## **Father's Day Lunches**

It was lovely to see so many dads, grandads and uncles in school this week for the Father's Day Lunches. The children loved having their dads around and for the children whose parents were unable to make it, they got to have a special lunchtime sitting with their teacher instead. Thank you to Mr Brennan, Mrs Finch and Mrs

Archibald for all their hard work cooking and clearing especially in this heat!

## **Pre - Loved Uniform Sale**

After the success of the last second-hand uniform stall and ice lolly sale, which raised £114.28, the PTA would like to run another stall straight after school on Friday 23rd June. All money raised from this and the last sale, will be used to purchase new playground equipment for the children to use at break-times so a big thank you to all parents and guardians for their support.

If any parents are unable to attend next Friday but would like to purchase some pre-loved uniform, then we would be happy to accept requests for clothing. Please email any requests to the school office and the PTA will do their best to fulfil the orders and send the uniform home with your child.



**JOIN US ON FRIDAY  
23RD JUNE 2023**

**PRE-LOVED UNIFORM  
PAY-AS-YOU-FEEL**

*Get your uniform ready for next year!*



**ICE-LOLLY SALES!**



**SCHOOL PLAYGROUND  
3:15 TO 3:30PM  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING CASH**

*All funds raised will be used for enrichment activities  
for our children.*

## **Community Library:**



Our community library (the little wooden cabinet near the Reception class entrance) is now open for business. We have started putting some books in but would also like to invite parents and families to start adding books to it from next week. If you have any spare books that you no longer need, please feel free to donate them to our community library. You are also welcome to browse whilst you are there and do a swap or take away any books you would like to read.

The library is set out to have books for younger readers at the bottom (picture books) working up to books for grown-ups on the top shelf.

We hope you enjoy using our community library and we look forward to sharing our reading experiences.



## **PTA Pie, Peas and Bingo Night!**

Excitement is building for the PTA Bingo night; we have one of our parents who is going to DJ and lots of fab prizes lined up too!

**Please book your tickets if you haven't already!**

Tickets can be ordered by clicking here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/QEEHEcsSCK>

We hope you can come along and join in the fun!



### **Whole Class Photos:**

Hopefully everyone has now received the information on how to order the whole class photographs but the office staff have copies of all the links if you haven't received them or have mislaid them and would like to have a look or place an order, just let them know.

The images will be available to purchase until **30th June.**

There is no obligation at all to buy any photos but all sales raise commission for school funds.



### **Dinner Money Price Increase from September:**

Unfortunately, due to the continued pressure on the cost of wholesale food, we would like to give you advance notice of a price increase of 20p a day to school meals for children in KS2 (Y3 and 4); this will be effective from Tuesday 5th September 2023. The current price is £2.20 for a main meal and a dessert, this will increase to £2.40 (£12 per week). Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive a meal free of charge as part of the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.

Where possible, school meals should be paid for in advance via My Child at School. Paying weekly or half-termly helps the school make best use of valuable administrative time and reduces the transaction charges we pay. Alternatively, you can pay by cash at the school office.

Please remember, if you receive a qualifying benefit, your child(ren) may be entitled to income-related Free School Meals (FSM) - you can find more information and apply online at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>.

If your child is entitled to UIFSM (i.e. in Reception, Y1 or Y2) but you also believe you are entitled to income-related Free School Meals, it is important that you still apply as other funding, such as Pupil Premium, is based on FSM numbers.

Thank you for your continued support.

# ROTHBURY TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

## CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS

Songs | Tunes | Dialect Poetry  
Solos | Duets | Choirs | Ensembles

**Saturday July 15th 9am**

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH | ROTHBURY

For details visit [www.tinyurl.com/KidsCompsRTMF](http://www.tinyurl.com/KidsCompsRTMF)



Rothbury Traditional Music Festival is a small community-run, family-friendly event celebrating Northumbrian and wider traditions of music, poetry and dance and this year is happening over the weekend of July 15th-17th. For more information including a full programme of events please go to [www.rothburymusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.rothburymusicfestival.co.uk)

The event is open to vocalists, musicians, performance poets and school choirs. The competitions are very informal and open to children of any musical standard from complete beginners onwards, and to children who want to perform a Northumbrian dialect poem (either their own composition or a published work).

If you are interested in finding out more, please follow the link above.

## DIARY DATES (new or updated dates in Red)



Diary Dates

- Wednesday 21st June 3.30pm - 5pm New 2023 Reception Starter Picnic
- Thursday 22nd June Reception Class Trip to Wheelbirks Woods
- Friday 23rd June Y4 Orientation Day to Ovingham Middle School
- Tuesday 27th June Small group music lessons will take place today instead of Thursday
- Wed 28th - Fri 30th June Y4 Ford Castle Residential Trip
- Monday 3rd July Parents' Evening (School Reports) - all year groups
- Tuesday 4th July Parents' Evening (School Reports) - all year groups except Y2
- Wednesday 5th July Parents' Evening (School Reports) - Y2 only
- Tuesday 4th July Corbridge Middle School and Hexham Middle School Transfer Day - for any Y4 children moving to CMS / HMS next year
- Friday 7th July PTA Pie, Pea and Bingo Night - see above for more details
- Monday 10th July TCLT Transfer Day - children meet their new teachers
- **Thursday 13th July Sports' Day from 2.00pm to 3.00pm - PTA to provide refreshments - please note the change in date and time**
- Friday 14th July Y1 Trip to the Centre for Life
- Friday 14th July Leavers' Disco
- Saturday 15th July Last date for ordering school uniform from Salto to guarantee delivery before the new academic year
- Monday 17th July Reception Class Graduation Ceremony 2.30pm
- Thursday 20th July Leavers' Lunch and Leavers' assembly (approx 2.15pm)
- Wednesday 30th August New Reception Starters Stay and Play 9.30am to 11.30am

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

*Mrs Jacobs*

Executive Head Teacher