



Broomley First School

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Our overall attendance this week was

96.5%



Well done everyone! Keep up the good work everyone!

SCHOOL UPDATES

Associate HeadTeacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to introduce myself as Associate Head Teacher at Broomley and Whittonstall First Schools and look forward to meeting many of you in the school playgrounds and at school events in the coming weeks. I am out and about on the playground either in the mornings or at the end of the school day so please do say hello if you see me!

I had the privilege of meeting your wonderful children earlier this week and was made to feel most welcome by everyone. I will be in the schools three days a week working alongside Mrs Ridley, the staff and children at this busy time of year. Please be assured that at all other times I will be in email and telephone communication with the schools.

This has been a busy, busy week for the children. The school term is well underway and learning has gathered pace.

EYFS

Children in EYFS have been busy reading the tale of the Little Red Hen, drawing pictures, retelling the story and best of all, baking bread. I am reliably informed the bread was delicious!

Years 1 and 2

Both classes have settled to their learning very well this week. I have observed some lovely writing and phonics work in both classes.

Year 3

All of Year 3 went off to Forest School on Thursday and spent the day outdoors learning lots about working together and teamwork.

Year 4

The Year 4 children have really impressed me this week with their motivation and positive attitude to learning. Well done everyone!

Photographs

The school photographer visited Broomley earlier this week. The children were all so smart in their uniforms and I am sure the photographs will be lovely.

Coffee Morning

The coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer support was a great success this morning. It was lovely to meet so many of you there showing your support for such a worthy cause. Thank you also to everyone who donated cakes and helped with the refreshments. I look forward to hearing how much we raised at the event.

Kind Regards

Debbie Worrall
Associate Headteacher



Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29 September from 8.15am to 9.00am

Thank you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning this morning - it was so lovely to see so many parents and carers in school again. So far we have raised £243.58 for this fantastic charity.

If anyone would still like to donate, there is a Just Giving Page set up - please follow the

link below:

<https://macmillan-email.org.uk/O9G-87SQ7-3SOHEG-56F17P-1/c.aspx>

PTA Uniform sale and Book Swap

Thank you to everyone who also donated books for the PTA book swap - hopefully at least some of the children have got a lovely new book to read tonight.

Our PTA also raised £43.71 which will be put towards various ongoing projects in school and helped save many items from landfill. Thank you to all the parents who came along early to help set up and run these stalls.



Operation Encompass

Broomley First School is an Operations Encompass school. Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership which enables schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.

Children are negatively impacted by experiencing domestic abuse and without early intervention and support this negative impact can last through a child's life. Domestic abuse can impact upon social, psychological, physical, emotional and behavioural outcomes with an often negative impact upon a child's academic success. Experiencing domestic abuse has been identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience.

Operation Encompass aims, by directly connecting police and schools, to better understand the impact living with domestic abuse has upon children, to enable schools to better understand a child's lived experience and to therefore be able to support and nurture each child making a child's day better and giving them a brighter tomorrow.

Designated Safeguarding Team in School

Just a reminder to all parents and carers, that if you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, member of staff or family member, please speak to one of our designated safeguarding leads in school:

- Mrs Ridley, our Deputy Head Teacher
- Ms Shepherd, our EYFS Lead
- Mrs Laura Elliot, our safeguarding governor



New School Website Update

As we are now part of Cheviot Learning Trust, our school website is changing. Our new school website is currently under construction and we will share more information on how and when you will be able to access this as soon as we can. In the meantime our old school website can still currently be accessed.



Times tables Rockstars Y2, Y3 and Y4

All children in Y2, Y3 and Y4 have now been set up with login details for Times Tables Rockstars. More information will be sent home with your child today including a letter with how to access Times Tables Rockstars.

We will also send out a parent guide with more information and follow the link below if you would like to see a parent help video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZxZbRVvbYM>

School Photos

The children all had their photographs taken this week by Debbie Young Photography and should have brought home an individual slip with them earlier this week with all the information you need to access the photo gallery so you can have a look at the photos and place an order if you so wish. Please note there is no obligation to place an order.



If anyone needs an additional copy of their child's slip, we have details in the office, so please let us know and we can forward it on.

If you would like to place an order, please do so by Tuesday 10 October - the gallery will close after this date. Photos will then be delivered to school and sent home with your child.



Harvest Festival Celebrations - Wednesday 25 October

We can now confirm that our KS2 Harvest Festival on Wednesday 25 October will take place at Bywell Church starting at 2.30pm. This will be for parents, carers and children in our Y3 and 4 classes.

KS1 children (Y1 and Y2) will have their harvest celebration assembly in school in the morning at 10am (this will enable parents who are attending the Reception class stay and play session in the morning to come along).

We appreciate that parents with children across both key stages may not be able to attend both celebrations but want to make them as accessible to as many parents and carers as possible and we have to consider space limitations in the school hall and other venues. Reception class will have their stay and play session rather than a harvest celebration.

If any families would like to bring in donations for the Harvest Festival, we will again be collecting for the Miners' Lamp local food bank in Prudhoe.



MidTyne Kids Club Oening Hours and Holiday Bookings

- Just a reminder that from Monday, MTKC are now offering extended opening hours from 7.30am each morning. Children will be offered breakfast as part of this package and the charge will be a set fee of £5.50 per child.
- MTKC will also be open on the Teacher Training Day and throughout half term, when there will be lots of exciting Halloween themed activities.

Bookings for these sessions is essential so please contact them on 0737 817 5687. Leave a message if out of hours and someone will come back to you.



Other Local Events - Prudhoe Library Half Term Activities

Prudhoe Library is running some fun events during the October half term holidays for families:

- An Origami workshop with James Dobson: Suitable for 8+

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prudhoe-childrens-origami-workshop-half-term-fun-with-james-dobson-tickets-639206322317?aff=oddtcreator>

- Make Your Mark with Nature - The Big Draw Festival: Suitable for 2-4 years
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prudhoe-library-make-your-mark-with-nature-tickets-710170618437?aff=oddtcreator>

Both of these events have limited places, so must be booked via Eventbrite beforehand, please also note the age range suitability for both events. Please follow the links above for more information.



DIARY DATES

w/c 9 October	Interim Reports out to parents
Monday 16 October and Wednesday 18 October	Parent Consultation Meetings – more information on how to book appointments to follow nearer the time
Wednesday 25th October	Reception Class Stay and Play 8.35am to 9.45am - more information to be sent separately
Wednesday 25th October	Harvest Festival Celebrations: KS1 (Y1 and 2) - 10am School Hall KS2 (Y3 and 4) - 2.30pm - Bywell Church Parents and carers are all welcome
Thursday 26 October	Break up for half term
Friday 27 October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 6 November	School reopens for Autumn 2
8- 15 November	BFS Book Fair in conjunction with Scholastic Books
Wednesday 15 November	NHS Vision Screening – Reception Class
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children
Tuesday 19 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 22 December	School Closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 8 January	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 January	School reopens for Spring 1