

<p>Bulletin Number 4</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Whittonstall and Broomley Federation of Schools "Be Happy and Work Hard"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25th September 2020</p>
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Attendance this week- 97.4%



We really appreciate all your efforts in arriving at school promptly and working to our staggered start and finish times

Headteacher Message: A fantastic week in school making the most of rainy days splashing in puddles and the last of the Summer sun in the forest school garden.

At Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools we understand the importance of the relationship between parents, pupils and the school. In current circumstances this is more important that we ensure we get this right! We have a strong inclusive ethos where pupils have positive relationships with staff members and with each other. We have adapted our Communication Policy which sets out the aims of the school with regards to internal and external communication, and the responsibilities of the school, its staff members and parents. The school aims to promote effective communication between pupils, members of staff, parents, stakeholders and all members of the school community. Please have a read through the attached policy and if you have any queries, do get in touch.

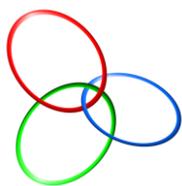
Thank you for all signing up to our Marvellous Me app and we hope you are enjoying the weekly updates.

Next week you will receive your new google classroom login for remote home learning. Throughout any school closure, parents and children will be able to communicate with the class teacher via the google classroom platform. Attached to your notification will also be a Tyne Community Learning Trust Remote Learning Policy which sets out the expectations for staff, parents and children. If you do not have access to a laptop or PC at home please email admin@whittonstall.northumberland.sch.uk and school will be happy to help.

Also a final thank you to you all for wearing masks at drop off and pick up and also communication with our school office. It is vital we continue these measures to keep our school community as safe as we possibly can.

School News

Achievement: This week the children have worked on achievement in school, linked to the indicators of wellbeing. They have enjoyed learning about how achievement makes us self- assured and happy and makes us feel a sense of satisfaction. In classes we discussed achievements both in school and out, and we focused on the idea that not all achievements have to involve a reward, can be big or small and can be celebrated by just ourselves. As always the children have thoroughly impressed the teachers with their openness and honesty, excellent work this week.



Hoopstars: We are really looking forward to a hooptastic visit from 'Hoopstars' who will be in school next Monday 28th September to work with the children from Reception class and Class 2 and Class 3. Could classes 2 & 3 wear outdoor clothes as normal and Reception children their PE kit and a waterproof coat please.



Be Internet Legends: This week parents of children in years 1 to 4 will have received a Parentmail introducing 'Be Internet Legends' This will be a partnership between home and school, with challenges introduced at school and completed at home this term. A family pledge was also sent which we would be grateful if you could read and sign with your child and return to school either by email or on paper.



Virtual Macmillan Coffee Afternoon: Wow! So many of you have risen to the challenge of baking something amazing for our virtual Macmillan Coffee afternoon. Thanks for all of your efforts and for sharing your pictures with us. It was a tough decision to decide on a winner as everyone had worked so hard, but in the end we have chosen Logan and his brilliant dinosaur cake. Well done Logan!

Mrs Drysdale has displayed your photos outside the conservatory and there is a collection box for anyone who would like to make a donation. Thank you to all who have already donated and for continuing to support this amazing charity at this time.

Flu Vaccinations 2020: the Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Thursday 10th December** to give nasal flu vaccinations to all children from Reception and Years 1, 2, 3, & 4 (where consent has been given).

The NHS team sent out consent form letters by post over the summer but our school nurse has advised us the response rate has been lower than normal. We therefore sent an information letter and a copy of the consent form by Parentmail this week, for any parent that did not receive or has not yet returned the postal form. This form should be printed off, completed and returned to school. Only parents who have not already returned the consent form need to complete the form. If you are unsure whether you have already returned the form, please complete again.

If you are unable to print the form, please let the school office know and we will provide you with a copy. If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine, please complete the 'no consent' box and return the form to school.

If the NHS team do not receive a consent form for your child, they will be unable to give your child the nasal flu vaccination. If you need any further information about the vaccine, please contact the NHS Nasal flu team directly - the details are on the letter.

Year 4 to Year 5 transition: Corbridge Middle School have asked us to let parents of children in Year 4 know that they will be holding a **virtual** open day this year. They will be sending further details soon so watch this space. The portals for Middle School applications are now open and will close on **31st October 2020**.

For families who pay their council tax to Durham County Council, please follow the link below-

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2192/Apply-for-a-secondary-place-deadline-31-October-2020>

For families who pay their council tax to Northumberland County Council please follow the link below –

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx>

Parents will be informed of the outcome of their application on Offer Day, Monday **1st March 2021**.

For parents applying for a **Reception class** place for their child for September 2021, the portal will be open to apply between Sunday 1st November 2020 and Friday 15th January 2021. Look out for more information in the newsletter nearer to the time.

Dates for your diary

Monday 28th September – Hoopstars workshop in school for R & Classes 2 & 3

Thursday 22nd October – break up for October half term

Friday 23rd October – Teacher Training Day

Saturday 31st October – deadline for applications to Middle School

Monday 2nd November – pupils back for 2nd half of Autumn term

Thursday 10th December – nasal flu vaccinations in school for Years R-4

Friday 18th December – break up for Christmas holidays

Have a lovely weekend everyone and stay safe

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher

