

Bulletin Number 15		<p><i>Whittonstall and Broomley Federation of Schools</i></p> <p><i>"Be Happy and Work Hard"</i></p> 	 <p>18th December 2020</p>
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Attendance this week- 98.6 %

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



Headteacher Message:

Well done everyone, we have made it to the end of this very long and strange term!

Despite the challenges however there are many positives to reflect on; the children (and parents!) have been amazing at adjusting to new routines, we have made great progress with learning and the catch up curriculum and yet have still managed to have loads of fun celebrating the key events of the term.

Most especially of course this has meant Christmas, when the children have enjoyed many festive highlights, from movies to storytelling, parties and Christmas lunch and finally today with our Panto screening and Christingle service in the Church. We are sorry not to have been able to welcome parents along to these events as normal but we hope you enjoy your virtual participation via the google classrooms, details later in the newsletter.

There is a reminder below of what action to take should your child develop symptoms after we break up, should you need it.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year for the Spring Term.



Children who test positive during the school holidays:

We have been asked by the department of education to be available to support contact tracing of any pupils who test positive for Covid in the first six days after the schools close on Friday 18th December.

Friday 18th December, Saturday 19th December or Sunday 20th December

If your child displays any Covid symptoms on the dates above, it is really important that you:

- Keep your child and any siblings and household members at home and isolated

- Book a test – wherever possible please arrange to book this at a test site rather than a home test kit (postal). Tests can be booked online <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by ringing 119 if you have problems using the online service
- Notify school immediately as this could impact on other families who may also have to isolate if your child's test returns positive. Please email : Leanne.barker@broomley.northumberland.sch.uk and/or Kelly.howe@broomley.northumberland.sch.uk

The result might not come back until later in the week, so it is important that this is returned to school immediately to enable school to contact other families.

Monday 21st December up to and including Sunday 3rd January

If your child displays any Covid symptoms on the dates above, it is still really important that you:

- Keep your child and any siblings and members of your household at home
- Book a test
- Notify school – see details above
- Notify school once you have received the test result

Community News

DATES	VENUE	TIMES
MONDAY 21st DECEMBER	CORBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB	10AM-2PM
TUESDAY 22nd DECEMBER		
WEDNESDAY 23rd DECEMBER		

WE HAVE PUT MULTIPLE MEASURES IN PLACE TO MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN:

- NSIC SAFETY**
ALL COACHES HAVE COMPLETED AN ONLINE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT WORK COURSE
- ALL SESSIONS MEET THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES RATIO
- ALL VENUES ARE OUTDOORS WITH TOILET FACILITIES

BOOK IN NOW FOR OUR 2020 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS COACHING DAYS:

PRICE: £20 PER DAY **PACKED LUNCH & DRINK BOTTLE REQUIRED** **FOR AGES: 5-13 YEARS (RECEPTION-YEAR 7)** **BOOK NOW: MATTIE: 07801821112 CHRIS: 07988736340 info@magpiesportsltd.com**

PRE-BOOK**PLACES ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS WITH PAYMENT REQUIRED IN ADVANCE**



Fit4Kids team are launching our 4-Week-Fit scheme in Consett from January 2021.

This scheme is great at promoting the children's understanding and awareness of Healthy Eating and Healthy Living through a range of engaging activities, sessions and resources.

If you would like to learn more about what our scheme includes, please reply to this email or [click here](#)



TV Opportunity: Attached to this newsletter please find a flier and application form for a new CITV series 'Makeaway Takeaway' If your child loves arts and crafts and may be interested, all of the details about applying are enclosed.

School News



Stars of the Week: A huge Whittonstall 'well done' to this week's stars!

Class 1: ★ **Isobel P** for her great effort this term and being a great playmate to all

Class 2: ★ **Arlo F** for his brilliant contribution to lessons all week

Class 3: ★ **Connor G** for being a maths superstar this week!



A huge well done to Charles in Class 3 for coming runner up in Guy Opperman MP's Christmas card competition! Hundreds of entries were received so Charles design really shone out and Guy was hugely impressed with the standard of entries. Congratulations Charles and enjoy your prize.

Timetables Spring term: A Parentmail was sent out today with details of timetables for the Spring term. Please note that:

- Reception will continue to have PE with Magpie sports on a Wednesday afternoon and will need to come to school in their PE kits on this day.
- Class 2 will have PE with Magpie sports on a Wednesday and a second session indoors on a Friday and so will need to come to school in PE kit on these two days next term.
- Class 3 will have PE with teachers on a Tuesday and Friday and so will need to come to school in PE kit on these two days.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kits on the above days. Where the PE sessions are outside, please ensure your children have trainers, jogging bottoms, t-shirt and PE hoodie.

For the first half term after Christmas, there will be no outdoor sessions. These will return in Spring Term 2.



Thank you! a huge thank you from all of the staff to parents for the amazing cream tea with prosecco which was delivered to us for Christmas. We really appreciate this very kind and thoughtful gift and will thoroughly enjoy it! Cheers!



PTA: Many thanks to our wonderful PTA for all of their support over the year and their fabulous fundraising ideas and input. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

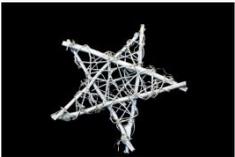


Christmas performances: the Christmas performance and Christingle service videos will be shared on the google classrooms for you all to enjoy. The children have worked so hard and we are sure you will enjoy watching them together as a family. A reminder of our classroom codes is below –

Class 1: dnj25wf

Class 2: 2sqxuct

Class 3: rzeol5o



PTA Christmas Catalogue of crafts: all remaining orders will be sent home with the children tonight. Thank you to everyone who has placed orders and supported this with their time and efforts.

Applications for Reception Class 2021: The portals for Reception class applications are now open and will close on **Friday 15th January**. Applications are made online direct to the local authority, and not through school.

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

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-for-a-primary-place-deadline-15-January-2021>

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/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

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

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th January – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th January – children return for Spring Term

Friday 15th January – deadline for Reception class applications

Have a wonderful festive break everyone, stay safe and see you in the New Year

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher

