



BROOMHAUGH C OF E
FIRST SCHOOL

January
2018

Spring Term

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a brand new year. It seems as if everyone enjoyed the Christmas break. We would also like to welcome Alice and her family to school. Lots of exciting events are happening in this new term; please take note of these dates now!

JANUARY	
Tuesday 9 th	School Reassembles
Friday 12 th	3:15pm Year 3 & 4 Curriculum Information Meeting
Monday 15 th	3:15pm Reception Curriculum Information Meeting
Wednesday 17 th	3:15pm Year 1 & 2 Curriculum Information Meeting
Friday 19 th	Walking Bus begins
Monday 22 nd	School clubs to begin
Monday 29 th all week	National Story Telling week Thursday 6 th February - Dressing up Day
Mon 29 th	Reception Class - Vision Screening letters to follow
FEBRUARY	
Thursday 1 st	National Story Telling Week Dressing up Day
Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM 3:15pm
Friday 16 th	Teacher Training Day
Monday 19 th	School Reassembles
Thursday 22 nd	Year 4 Celebration
MARCH	
Thursday 1 st	World Book Day
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th	British Science Week
Tuesday 20 th	Year 3 Celebration 2:45pm Year 3 parents invited to attend
Thursday 22 nd	Year 1 Celebration 2:45pm Year 1 parents invited to attend
W/C Monday 26 th	Church Easter Service Date to be confirmed
Thursday 29 th	BREAK UP FOR EASTER
APRIL	
Mon 16 April	School Reassembles

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School Clubs

Letters will be sent out next week regarding clubs.

Walking Bus

Please note no walking bus until Friday 19th January.

Squirrels Club

A reminder to parents that they **MUST** book a place for their child in Squirrels as some nights are full. Please contact Yvonne to reserve a place:

Mobile: 07933 901732

National Story Telling Week


You may remember last year we asked the children to come dressed as a character from a traditional tale on the Thursday of that week. This year we are thinking of characters from Julia Donaldson stories - *The Gruffalo*, *Stick Man*, *Squash and a Squeeze*, *The Highway Rat*, *The Tallest Giant in Town* etc. The children will need to know on Monday 29th January what character they are dressing up as on Thursday 1st February, this is because the children will be creating their own stories using these characters in small groups that week. Please do not spend a lot of money on dressing up items! We will be also talking to the children about this activity.

Safer Internet Day

We are hoping to have a short presentation for parents regarding safe internet usage at home on this day. More details to follow.

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March

We would like to hold a mystery book swap on this day. We are asking that children can bring (donate) a book that they have read that is wrapped up in plain paper or newspaper with a blurb on the front giving a clue as to what the story is about / what age range it is suitable for etc. We are hoping we will have enough books so that every child will go home that night with a mystery book. There will also be an activity after school that day for parents and children to take part in. More information will follow nearer the time.

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WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE TO PARENTS:

In snowy or inclement weather we suggest that you always assume school is open and that the decision for individual families to travel will be entirely up to them. In poor conditions, parents may want to delay setting out until road conditions improve and early morning traffic has cleared. However please inform the school if this is the case so that we know for morning registration.

If it is not possible to open the school Ms Stephenson will:

- Contact NCC who will post the closure on their website
- Contact Radio Newcastle (95.4FM) to inform them of the closure
- Update the school website with closure information

If snowy conditions persist through the day, we will take advantage of the weather and playtimes may offer an opportunity for sledging! Please send in appropriate clothing for the children so they can stay warm. Sledges may be left in the playground.

Bad Weather during the Day:

We will monitor the weather with the Met Office website so that any severe weather warnings or alerts can be responded to. We will advise parents of deteriorating weather conditions during the day via email as our emergency alert scheme. Any parent not on email will be contacted by telephone. We will also endeavour to place an alert on the school website.