



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 13 NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by but we've taken time to reflect how grateful we are for our loved ones and families. Our remembrance silence helped us to think about how precious lives are and how much we have to be thankful for.

Today was World Kindness Day the kindness we witness from children and families here in our wonderful school still raises smiles for all staff serving here each and every day. As children live what they learn it is of no surprise to me they are such kind and caring young people as the adults in school and families they learn from demonstrate our Christian value of kindness continually.

We continue to have a very busy term ahead of us and we look forward to all the planned fun learning and events that are in store. Although we cannot celebrate together as we normally would we are working hard to get plans in place to ensure all families get to enjoy and experience some of our festivities virtually and we will keep you up to date with news and events as they are confirmed.

Have a lovely weekend.

J Ainsley & S Gray

Executive Head Teacher
Executive Deputy Head Teacher



Advent boxes for the foodbank

We wondered if families might like to join in with advent boxes to collect items for West Northumberland Foodbank and/or Prudhoe Miners Lamp Hub in the run up to Christmas. The idea with advent boxes is that between now and mid December you find an empty box (which children could decorate if they like) and each day children choose an item from your cupboards to put into the box. It's a bit like opening advent calendars in the run up to Christmas! It doesn't have to be everyday though, any number of items you wish to donate is absolutely fine and always welcomed by the foodbanks.

Liz (Bethan's mum), Leanne (Asher's mum) and Heather (Sadie and Jonah's mum) are organising the collection/delivery of items and will set up a drop off point at **The Church Cottage** on **Tuesday 8th December** at school drop off and pick up times.

Walk 500 Miles Sponsorship **£1564 now collected!** Once again... Thank You!

Children in Need

Well done to all entries to the 'design a rubber duck' competition. With non uniform, competition entries and donations, a fantastic **£123.50** has been raised today for Children in Need – THANK YOU!

Christmas Cards or Personalised Gifts

It was great to see this was so popular this year. We look forward to getting your orders back to you as soon as they arrive! All commission earned by school will go towards the purchase of our 15 iPads so a great benefit to the children while hopefully bringing lots of pleasure and joy to those who made purchases!

NCC Message – Socially Distancing

I know times are hard right now and we are asked to do a lot, but we really need to work together and do our bit. I know it is tempting to catch up after dropping off or picking up your children, but it is important that we keep our distance and don't congregate at this time.

We are doing our bit to keep your children safe in school. Help us by doing your bit as well. Protect yourself, protect others and protect Northumberland.

Link for animation - <https://youtu.be/bPzalrAx8Js>

Public Health England (PHE)

We are continuing to take heed of all advice sent via Public Health England, the Government, Diocese and Council. Please continue to inform us if there are any changes in your circumstances, particularly in this new period of local lockdown. The following advice from the NHS is linked below:

NHS Test and Trace: if you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus (COVID-19), please follow the link below for advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

School Admissions Criteria

Governors have opened a consultation on School's admission's criteria. This can be found on our website. The consultation runs from Friday 13th November until Monday 28th December and all comments are welcome.

Diary Dates: Dates in red are new dates which have been added:

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 28 September	INTRODUCTION OF ADULT FACE COVERINGS FOR COLLECTION AND DROP OFF We recognise some people will have medical reasons for not using a face covering and we ask that all adults play their own part without commenting on the behaviour of others.	
Monday 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week Odd socks day	In school focus for PSHE £1 Contribution to Anti Bullying Alliance
Monday 23 November	PTA Donations for Christmas Raffle Hamper – to be placed in box, outside of School Reception	Information sent out
Tuesday 24 November	Christmas Pudding Stir Up	
Monday 30 November 6pm	School tour for September 2021 intake. Places must be pre-booked.	ADULTS ONLY Visit going ahead
December		
Tuesday 8 December	Advent Boxes for West Northumberland Food Bank/Prudhoe Miners Lamp Hub	Drop off point will be set up @ The Church Cottage TODAY around school drop off/pick up times. Thank you!
Thursday 10 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Christingle activities in school	More information to follow
Monday 14 December	Holly & Ivy Performance for pupils	More information to follow
Tuesday 15 December	Reception Christmas Party	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party	More information to follow
Thursday 17 December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party	More information to follow
Friday 18 December	Christmas Carol Service in school	To be shared virtually with families
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays	
January 2021		
Tuesday 5 January 2021	School Re-opens following Christmas Break	
February		
Friday 12 February	Daft as a Brush - Non Uniform Day	Details to follow
March		
Friday 19 March	Red Nose Day	
July 2021		
16 July	School Closes for Summer Break	
September		
Tuesday 7 September	School Re-opens following Summer Break	

Every Wednesday for Years 1 & 2 Recorder Lessons!

Remember to bring in your recorder.