



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6 NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what we hope was a lovely break at half term; we certainly had a mixture of sunshine and rain! The children have come back eager and ready to learn and we are really looking forward to our new topics and events for this half term.

As we have now entered our second lockdown, we appreciate that families are yet again facing uncertainty around jobs, isolation, the possibility of home schooling and general worry. Please stay in touch with school so that we can continue to support each other in any way we can. We have sent several messages since September about the Google Classroom which we will use in the event of any bubble closures, hopefully you have now all accessed this and are familiarising yourself with how it works.

This week we have held our parent consultations via Google Classroom for reports and via telephone for the discussion with teachers. Thank you for all the positive comments and to the staff who continue to work tirelessly to adapt to the ever-changing circumstances. We thoroughly enjoy sharing all of your child's successes with you and if we haven't spoken to you this week, rest assured we will try again.

As always, this is a busy half term with lots of events and celebrations. We fully intend to celebrate and take part in as many things as our bubbles and risk assessments allow so please look at the calendar of events below so you know what is coming up.

Have a lovely weekend.

J Ainsley & S Gray

Miss Ainsley & Mrs Gray
Executive Head Teacher
Executive Deputy Head Teacher



Walk 500 Miles Sponsorship

You have blown us away with the amazing number of miles walked and the generosity of our families. We have walked a total of **534** miles and have raised a grand total of **£1514.60** - AMAZING! This fundraising, along with fundraising from our Christmas cards will go towards new iPads and APPS for the children. The PTA have allocated £1500 which is also fantastic news and we are very hopeful to have the technology all up and running in January! Once again... Thank You!

Children in Need

Your child should have brought home a 'design a rubber duck' competition sheet today. If they wish to enter, their design should be brought back to school by Friday 13th November along with a £1 entry fee. The school council are very much looking forward to seeing all the entries. The children are also invited to wear non uniform in the form of spots, stripes, hearts, stars etc. next Friday with an additional suggested £1 donation.

Christmas Cards or Personalised Gifts

You should now have received your child's Christmas card design and order form. If you wish to make an order, please make sure all order forms are returned to school by Friday 13th November.

Remembrance

We have been selling remembrance merchandise this week in support of the British Legion. Look out for our Remembrance poppy banners next week on the path up to the playground. They are currently on display at St. James' Church as part of their remembrance service which took place this week. We will also be having a special class worship and 2 minute silence to mark the occasion next Wednesday.

PTA Pumpkin Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the PTA pumpkin competition – there were some fabulous ideas and designs. They were so good that EVERYONE who entered received a small prize today! Well done to: Iris, Sunny, Emily, Asher, Abigail, Bethan, Megan, James, Beth, Euan, Beth, Merlin, Harry, Charlie, Jessica, Ben Logan and Eva!

National Restrictions in England and guidance for schools

Yesterday, the Government published guidance for schools regarding the national restrictions that began yesterday.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=7427a8d7-6fbd-4315-b29f-2c648cfb91a1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate#ooss

Generally speaking, for us there is little that needs to change from our measures already in place. Unfortunately after school clubs will not take place until January 2021.

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/>

Diary Dates Below:

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.	
Wednesday 11 November	Remembrance Day	Class worship held in school
Friday 13 November	World Kindness Day Children In Need	Non uniform Day £1 contribution for Children in Need Designs for Rubber Duck Competition to be in by today along with £1 entry fee
Friday 13 November	Deadline for personalised Christmas card and product orders	
Monday 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week Odd socks day	In school focus for PSHE £1 Contribution to Anti Bullying Alliance
Tuesday 24 November	Christmas Pudding Stir Up	
Monday 30 November 6pm	School tour for September 2021 intake. Places must be pre-booked.	ADULTS ONLY We will update you if this visit cannot go ahead
December		
Thursday 10 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Christingle activities in school	More information to follow
Monday 14 December	Class Christmas parties this week Holly & Ivy Performance for pupils	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.