



# Broomhill First School

## February Newsletter



'Together We Succeed'

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe that we are nearly half way through this academic year and what a very good year it is turning out to be! Wonderful, hard working children, a successful Ofsted inspection and a new boiler and improved heating system is to be installed next half term! We are also expecting our pupil numbers to rise to over 100 for the first time, when our next nursery intake takes place after Easter.

As a special treat for our pupils, the Friends Committee have arranged a school disco on the afternoon of Wednesday, 15th February. Please send your child into school with some 'disco' clothes for him/her to get changed into after lunch.

On Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March we are holding formal parent teacher meetings which I hope you will all be able to attend. Appointment letters will be sent home next week with a reply slip for you to request your preferred time slot. If these dates are not convenient to you, then please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment. Although we hold these meetings in October and March, please don't forget that you are also very welcome to come and talk to us regarding your child's progress at anytime during the year.

I hope the children enjoy their half term break and I look forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday, 27th February.

Julie Newton

### Sporting Events

A big thank you to Aaron Flanighan, Zack Stott, Eden Howard, Kyle Barclay, Johnathon Wade, Jack Tait, Ashton Beverley, Ryan Spoons and Archie Lillie for representing our school in the 7-a-side football competition.

Good luck to Rhianna Fowler, Gabriella McDonnell, Rebecca Allen, Richard Raine, Aaron Flanighan and Eden Howard for next Friday when they take part in the School Games Gymnastics Competition.

Also this half term, Years 1 and 2 took part in a super, energetic Hula Hooping Festival and Year 3 really enjoyed their Skipping Festival.

Well done to our netball teams who came first and second in the recent inter-school competition! Their skills and teamwork were very impressive!



## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March when the children will take part in a variety of activities to encourage their enjoyment of stories and reading. As part of this we will be inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favourite story book character. There will be a short 'Character Parade' around the school hall, just after morning registration, to which you are all invited. Each class will also perform a song linked to the event. Children will come home with a £1 book token which can be exchanged for a special World Book Day book.



## Important Safety Information

The contractors who are installing the new boiler and heating system will be setting up a compound on the school driveway during half term. Although this area will be fenced off, please continue to ensure your children are closely supervised when using the driveway. The improvements are scheduled to last for several weeks and will not be completed until the end of the Easter holidays.

## Our school day starts at 8.55am.

Please could you ensure that your child is in the playground **before** 8.55am every day and encourage them to go to their class line as soon as the bell goes. All children participate in a very important phonics session immediately after morning registration and to enable us to make a prompt start to the lesson we need all our children to be in school on time.

Once the playground doors/gates are closed at 9.00am the only way to get into school is via the main entrance. Any pupil who comes into school this way will need to be accompanied by an adult who must notify school office staff that their child is now in school. The reason for this is to make sure that we have an accurate record of all children on site to comply with safety regulations and also to ensure that any lateness is recorded, closely monitored and followed up, as appropriate.

Thank you for your support with this.



## Diary Dates

- 15/2/17 - 1.15pm to 3pm Disco for children in main school
- 17/2/17 - School closes for half term
- 27/2/17 - School re-opens
- 28/2/17 - After school football club re-commences for Seabirds
- 2/3/17 - After school sports club re-commences for Finches
- 2/3/17 - World Book Day
- 6/3/17 - Parent Teacher Meetings
- 8/3/17 - Parent Teacher Meetings
- 7/4/17 - School closes for Easter and re-opens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.