



Broomhill First School

November Newsletter



'Together We Succeed'

Dear Parents

Thank you very much for your generous donations at our Harvest Festival. We raised a £137 for the 'Oxfam Unwrapped' charity which the School Council decided to spend on a family of goats, clean water for fifty people and some honey bees. Our next charity event is this Friday, 18th November, when we are having a 'wear what you want' day for Children in Need. All children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform and if you would like to make a donation to Children in Need, then please send this in with your child.

We are very pleased that we have a new School Crossing Patrol Attendant in place, Samantha Scott. To help Samantha keep our children and families safe, please do not park or pull up (even just to drop someone off) on the yellow zigzag lines or the white line opposite the school gates.

Our new winter school dinner menus are now in place and these can be found on our website or a copy can be provided by the school office. An alternative main course of baked potato and cheese or tuna can always be provided on any particular day if you and your child would prefer. Please contact the school office to arrange.

This is one of the loveliest times of the year to work in a school, with all the excitement and activities in the run up to Christmas. It is also a very busy half term, so as well as making a note of the dates below please keep checking your child's book bag for further information. Our school website is also regularly updated.

Julie Newton

Friends' News

The Friends' Committee are busy planning our Christmas Fair, which will be held on Thursday 24th November at 5.30pm. They will be sending out information in the very near future of how you can help. Friends have kindly organised a trip to the pantomime for all children in Years 1 to 4. This is to see Aladdin at Whitley Bay Playhouse on the morning of Monday 12th December. The tickets cost £9 per child which have been paid for by the Friends, but they will be asking for a contribution of £5 towards the cost of transport. This will be collected nearer the time. Friends have also arranged a treat for children in our Early Years at school on the morning of Wednesday 30th November when they will enjoy a visit from the Big Foot Theatre Company.



Winter Art Competition



One of our lucky pupils will be asked to turn on the Christmas Lights for Togston Parish Council on Sunday 27th November. The pupil chosen will be the winner of a Winter Art Competition to be held in school and judged by members of Togston Parish Council on Thursday 17th November, with the winners being announced at our Celebration Assembly on Friday 18th November. There will be prizes for each class. The celebrations for turning on the Christmas Lights begin at 5.30pm in the Church Hall at Christ Church with a tombola, raffle etc. to which everyone is welcome. Our children will sing some carols in the Church before Santa pays a visit and the lights are switched on at 6pm.

Sporting Events

Well done to our football team (Zack Stott, Aaron Flanighan, Eden Howard, Ashton Beverley, Jack Tait and Archie Lillie) who came third in a recent inter-school football competition.

Seabirds have taken part in an orienteering festival and our school netball team will play in their first inter-school competition of the year on Tuesday 29th November.

Parent and Toddlers

A Parent and Toddlers group takes place in our school hall between 9am and 11am every Tuesday and Thursday during term time. All welcome.

Please pass this on to anyone you may know who would be interested in coming along.

Dates for Diaries

- 18/11/16 - 'Wear what you want' day to raise money for Children in Need.
- 24/11/16 - Christmas Fair at 5.30pm (No after school netball club on this day).
- 27/11/16 - Carol Singing at Christmas Lights Celebration, Church Hall at Christ Church from 5.30pm.
- 29/11/16 - After school netball inter-school competition at James Calvert Spence College for Years 3 and 4 (see separate letter).
- 30/11/16 - Big Foot Theatre Company treat for Little and Big Owls.
- 5/12/16 - Parents of Seabirds invited to a drumming assembly at 2.45pm.
- 6/12/16 - Afternoon performance of our Christmas Play at 2pm (No after school clubs on this day).
- 7/12/16 - Seabirds carol singing at Elpha Lodge and Heatherdale during the afternoon.
- 7/12/16 - Evening performance of our Christmas Play at 6pm.
- 8/12/16 - Christmas Lunch.
- 12/12/16 - Visit to pantomime at Whitley Bay Playhouse for children in Years 1 to 4 (see separate letter).
- 13/12/16 - 'Stay and Play' session for Reception and Nursery parents 9am - 10am.
- 14/12/16 - Finches' Christmas Party.
- 15/12/16 - Little and Big Owls' Christmas Party (morning).
- 15/12/16 - Seabirds' Christmas Party (afternoon).
- 16/12/16 - School closes at 3.10pm for Christmas holidays
- 03/01/17 - School closed for a Teacher Training Day
- 04/01/17 - School re-opens for the Spring Term