



Broomhill First School

November Newsletter



'Together We Succeed'

Dear Parents

I hope you had a lovely half term holiday and enjoyed the bonfire night celebrations. We have a very busy few weeks planned so please keep checking your child's book bag for further information. We will also place reminders on our school website, twitter and facebook pages (access via the links on our school website).

We have two special events planned for next week, as follows:

On Monday 12th November we are inviting children to wear odd socks to school to participate in Odd Socks Day, as part of Anti Bullying Week which is coordinated by the Anti Bullying Alliance. Andy Day and the Odd Socks have written a toe tapping song for Odd Socks Day called 'Choose Respect' which we will introduce to the children as part of a range of activities aimed at raising awareness around anti bullying by celebrating individuality and what makes us all unique. Children will also be involved in reviewing our child friendly Anti Bullying Policy.

On Friday 16th November we are having a 'Wear What You Like' Day to raise money for Children in Need, so if you would like to make a monetary donation to this charity then please send it in with your child.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Victoria Rowland, our Lunchtime Supervisor, at the end of last half term. Victoria has decided to embark on a new career direction and we wish her every success in the future. We welcome Miss Diane Wigmore to our team as our new Lunchtime Supervisor and Kitchen Assistant.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that two of our recent bids for additional funding have been successful. We have been awarded £10,000 to improve our Early Years outdoor area by Northumberland County Council from their allocation of a grant from the Department of Education from the Healthy Pupils Capital Fund. We have also secured an award of just over £5,000 from the Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland to purchase a new performance stage which we hope will be delivered in time for us to use for this year's Christmas play. The stage is portable and is available for local community groups to borrow for their events so please ask anyone you know who may be interested in doing this to contact the school office.

Julie Newton
Headteacher

Friends' News

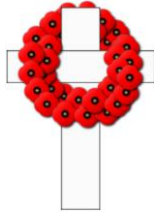
The Friends' Committee are busy planning our Christmas Fair, which will be held on Thursday 6th December at 3.15pm. They will be sending out information in the very near future of how you can help.

Friends have kindly organised a trip to the pantomime for all children in Years 1 to 4. This is to see Peter Pan at Whitley Bay Playhouse on the morning of Tuesday 18th 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.



Winter Art Competition

One of our pupils will be asked to turn on the Christmas Lights for Togston Parish Council on Sunday 25th November. The pupil chosen will be the winner of a Winter Art Competition which will take place in school next week. Members of Togston Parish Council will judge the competition on Thursday 15th November, with the winners being announced at our Celebration Assembly on Friday 16th 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 tombola, raffle etc. to which everyone is welcome, and then at 6pm our children will sing some carols in the Church. After the singing the winner of the art competition will switch on the Christmas Tree Lights and Santa will also be paying a visit!



Poppies

We are currently selling poppies in school to raise money for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Volunteers from Seabirds are organising this. If you would like your child to buy a poppy then please send some money in with him/her any day this week.

Thank You!

We hope you enjoyed the children's singing, poems and presentations at our Harvest Festival. As a result of your generous donations we raised £154 for the Send a Cow charity.

We raised £145 at our MacMillan Coffee morning.

We were awarded £114 commission from sales at the Book Fair.

Thanks also to our Friends Committee who helped to arrange the above.

Dates for Diaries

12/11/18 - Odd Socks Day as part of Anti Bullying Week.

12/11/18 - Seabirds netball competition at JCSC 4pm - 5.15pm.

13/11/18 - Firefighters Bags to School.

16/11/18 - 'Wear what you want' day to raise money for Children in Need.

25/11/18 - Carol Singing at Christmas Lights Celebration, Church Hall at Christ Church from 5.30pm.

06/12/18 - Christmas Fair at 3.15pm (No after school sports club on this day).

11/12/18 - Evening performance of our Christmas Play at 6pm. Children to arrive at school at 5.30pm. (No after school sports club on this day).

12/12/18 - Afternoon performance of our Christmas Play at 2pm (No after school sports club on this day).

13/12/18 - Christmas Dinner, children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/top to school. Seabirds carol singing at Elpha Lodge and Heatherdale during the afternoon.

14/12/18 - Stay & Play Session for Big Owls and Little Owls 9 - 10am.

18/12/18 - Visit to pantomime at Whitley Bay Playhouse for children in Years 1 to 4.

19/12/18 - Finches' and Falcons' Christmas Party (children to bring in party clothes to get changed into after lunch).

20/12/18 - Little and Big Owls' Christmas Party (morning, children to wear party clothes to school).

20/12/18 - Seabirds' Christmas Party (children to bring in party clothes to get changed into after lunch).

21/12/18 - School closes at 3.10pm for Christmas holidays.

07/01/19 - School closed for a Teacher Training Day

08/01/19 - School re-opens for the Spring Term