



# Broomhill First School

## October Newsletter



'Together We Succeed'

Dear Parents,

As we approach half term and reflect on the past few weeks, we are delighted at how our pupils have adjusted to a slightly different way of doing things and at how much effort they are putting into their learning. It is very difficult for the teachers to decide who most deserves 'Trophy of the Week' announced in our Friday Celebration assemblies!

The children have enjoyed being in non-uniform today and so far we have raised over £120 for WaterAid, thanks to your generosity. Hopefully your child will be able to tell you something about the charity when they come home today. We hope you enjoy the class 'Harvest Song' videos which will be posted on our website by the end of the week.

Parent teacher meetings for Finches and Seabirds will take place next half term via a telephone appointment and teachers will be able to give you an update on how your child has settled into their new year groups. Telephone appointments have already taken place for Big Owls, and although we would much prefer to have invited parents into school, both Mrs Haves and parents found the conversations valuable.

It is likely that Mrs Oman, our cook, will not be back at work immediately after the half term holiday. James Calvert Spence College have offered to continue preparing our lunches for us, which we thank them for. I have attached their new menus for their two weekly cycle. If you would like your child to have a school lunch then please can you choose the option for each day and return the menus to school by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. When Mrs Oman does return, lunches will be served as per our usual menus.

Thank you very much in helping to keep us all safe by continuing to adhere to our Covid-19 site rules and also for following local area restrictions. Please note, that only one adult per family should accompany children onto the school site, not one adult per child as per my previous correspondence.

As usual, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Julie Newton



### Thank You!

We would like to thank the local 'Community Coffee Morning' for their kind donation of £150.

Also, a big thank you to 'Clean Beauty with Kim' for donating £62.50.

We really appreciate the support we receive from the local community.

## Friends' News

Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising efforts, including our fortnightly bonus ball, and congratulations to Dawn Harvey and Ami Hall who won the Halloween Hampers. We are sure you and your children will enjoy the contents! Although we could not go ahead with our usual MacMillan Coffee morning, Friends still raised a substantial £94 for the charity. Again, thanks to everyone who contributed to this.

Funds raised by Friends are used to enhance the experiences of every child in the school and include the following:

Contributing to the cost of school trips and other curriculum enhancements, such as visits from theatre companies.

Contributions towards specific projects such as playground equipment, audio equipment.

Contributions towards special Year 4 'Leavers' Events'.

Miscellaneous purchases for example, audio equipment, playground resources.

Treats, including visits to the pantomimes, parties and discos.

We are now planning for next half term, which would usually include a visit to the pantomime and our Christmas Fair...more details to follow.

### School Absence

If your child is unable to attend school on any particular day, then please could you contact us by telephone before 9.30am if at all possible. Please leave a message on our answering machine if there is no-one available to take your call.



### Northumberland Face Coverings

Your child will be bringing home a postcard from the Northumberland Communities Together team, together with a Northumberland face covering. Although under 11s are not required to wear face coverings they may be of use to another family member.

### Birthday Cakes

We have had several queries from parents wanting to know whether they are still able to send cakes/buns into school on their child's birthday as part of their birthday celebrations. We are happy for you to do this but, for the time being, we ask that they are shop bought and sent into school with the original packaging intact.

### Poppies

We will be selling poppies in school to raise money for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> November. If you would like your child to buy a poppy then please send some money in with him/her any day of that week.

