



# Broomhill First School

## November Newsletter



**'Toaether We Succeed'**

Dear Parents

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 overleaf please keep checking your child's book bag for further information. Our school website is also regularly updated.

Thank you for attending our recent Parents' Evenings. I hope you found them informative and gave you some ideas on how you can help your child's learning at home. We are encouraging all parents to listen to their children read aloud on a regular basis. This extra practice really does help progress, as does practising any sounds, reading of 'tricky words' and spellings that class teachers issue. For mathematics, helping your child to learn key facts, particularly number bonds and times tables, will make this subject much easier. Although we practise these in school, a little and often approach is needed, so again extra sessions at home can make all the difference.

We raised £140 at our Harvest Festival and this has been donated to the British Red Cross. We hope that those of you who were able to attend the festival enjoyed the afternoon. Thank you very much for your generous donations for our Harvest Table and for your monetary contributions.

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.

Julie Newton  
Headteacher

## Friends' News

The Friends' Committee are busy planning our Christmas Fair, which will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Cinderella at Whitley Bay Playhouse on the morning of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



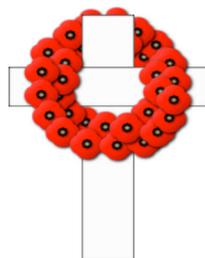
## Winter Art Competition



One of our lucky pupils will be asked to turn on the Christmas Lights for Togston Parish Council on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November, with the winners being announced at our Celebration Assembly on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.



### Children in Need

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we are having a 'Wear What You Want' 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.

### Dates for Diaries

- 17/11/17 - 'Wear what you want' day to raise money for Children in Need.
- 30/11/17 - Christmas Fair at 5.30pm (No after school netball club on this day).
- 03/12/17 - Carol Singing at Christmas Lights Celebration, Church Hall at Christ Church from 5.30pm.
- 12/12/17 - Evening performance of our Christmas Play (Lights, Camel, Action! It's Strictly the Nativity) at 6pm. Children to arrive at school at 5.30pm (No after school football club on this day).
- 13/12/17 - Afternoon performance of our Christmas Play at 2pm.
- 14/12/17 - Christmas Dinner, children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/top to school.
- 15/12/17 - 'Stay and Play' session for Reception and Nursery parents 9am - 10am.
- 18/12/17 - Rev Sue Reilly in school to make Christingles with the children.
- 19/12/17 - Visit to pantomime at Whitley Bay Playhouse for children in Years 1 to 4.
- 20/12/17 - Seabirds carol singing at Elpha Lodge and Heatherdale during the afternoon.
- 20/12/17 - Finches' and Falcons' Christmas Party (children to bring in party clothes to get changed into after lunch).
- 21/12/17 - Little and Big Owls' Christmas Party (morning, children to wear party clothes to school).
- 21/12/17 - Seabirds' Christmas Party (children to bring in party clothes to get changed into after lunch).
- 22/12/17 - School closes at 3.10pm for Christmas holidays
- 08/01/18 - School closed for a Teacher Training Day
- 09/01/18 - School re-opens for the Spring Term