



Broomhill First School

March Newsletter



'Together We Succeed'

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to have all the children back in school this week and see them so excited and pleased to be back with their friends! The children have settled quickly back into their classes and, as well as having plenty of time to play outside and catch up with each other, I am pleased to report that they are working hard in their lessons.

This is the time of year when we usually have our second round of parent teacher meetings. As most of the children have only just returned to school we are postponing these until next half term and it is likely that conversations will take place via the telephone. However, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself if there is anything you would like to discuss before then.

The Friends Committee continue to do an amazing fundraising job and we all owe them a big thank you for this. Thank you too for participating in their events. I also want to thank Mary Scott (Noah Johnston's Grandma) for donating a super chocolate hamper which was raffled off and raised £100 for the school. We are very lucky to belong to such a supportive community! This term, some of the money raised has been spent on purchasing a new interactive HD screen for Seabirds class which the children (and staff!) are delighted with. For further details of how funds have been spent, please see the Friends section overleaf.

As from September 2020, a new compulsory Relationships Education and Health Education curriculum came into force for primary schools, although schools have been given until the Summer Term 2021 to begin teaching it due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We already teach most of the content within our current Personal, Social, Emotional and Health Education (PSHE) lessons. However, we are now developing our policy on Relationships Education and we are required to consult with parents regarding this. The draft policy and curriculum overview will be published on our website by Wednesday 17th March and we are asking that parents provide us with their views regarding the content by Friday 26th March. Please contact the school office if you would prefer to have paper copies. Once we have considered the feedback we will finalise the documentation and update the school's website accordingly.

Finally, Angela Brotherton retired on the 31st January. Angela has been a teaching assistant at our school for 21 years and has been a dedicated and valued member of staff, providing excellent support for many of our pupils over the years. I am sure you will join me in wishing Angela and her family all the very best for the future.

Julie Newton
Headteacher



Friends' News

Tickets are selling well for our Easter Egg Raffle with 10 delicious Easter Hampers to be won, which can be viewed on the Friends, or the school's, Facebook page. Tickets are 50p each and can be purchased via the Friends Facebook page or by sending money into school with your child in a named envelope up until Thursday 19th March. The raffle will be drawn in school on Tuesday 23rd March. Thank you for supporting this event.

As well as the Interactive HD Screen we have also used our fundraising to provide the following enhancements: Christmas parties, resources for Christmas activities, small world play resources for Early Years, Sleeping Beauty pantomime, Littlest Elf play.

We are hoping to provide funding in the Summer Term to develop outdoor learning, treats for the Year 4 Leavers and visitors to school such as 'Hoopstarz', amongst other ideas!

Friends' Committee - Lisa Johnston, Sarah Simpson, Hayley Wade, Ros Stokoe, Loryn Bell, Julie Newton, Debbie Robison.



School Crossing Patrol Attendant Vacancy

A big thank you to Sam Scott for crossing our families over the road safely during the last few years. Unfortunately, Sam is no longer able to carry out this role but we are hoping to fill the vacancy as soon as possible.

The vacancy is currently being advertised on the North East Jobs website. It is a generic advert relating to several vacancies in Northumberland so does not specifically mention Broomhill First School. If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying then please direct them to the website or ask them to contact the school for further information.



Dates for Diaries

Friday 19th March - This will be a non-uniform day to raise money on Red Nose Day with children being invited to 'wear something red'. Children can bring in monetary donations on the day which we will then send on to Comic Relief.

Friday 26th March - School closes for the Easter holidays.

Tuesday 13th April - School re-opens for the Summer Term.

Monday 3rd May - School closed for May Day Holiday

Friday 28th May - School closes for Spring Bank Holiday week and re-opens on Monday 7th June.