



# Broomhill First School

## September Newsletter



**'Toaether We Succeed'**

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. It is lovely to have the children back in school and the teachers have had a super first week with their new classes, with the children being very well behaved and keen to learn.

We have a busy half term planned, so please keep a check on your child's reading bag for additional information regarding some of the events. We also update our school website (<http://www.broomhill.northumberland.sch.uk>) on a regular basis, which is a good source of reference and has a link to our facebook page.

Over the next few weeks we are holding a series of parent information meetings which I hope you will be able to attend. At these meetings, your child's teacher will provide you with information regarding what your child will be doing in school this year and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. Class newsletters and topic details will also be sent out this week.

As explained in our feedback from the parent survey sent out in July, we are trialling a breakfast club and after school club this half term. This is in response to requests from several of you who were concerned about the lack of childcare in the local area for working parents. Our breakfast club is open on Monday to Friday mornings from 8.00am and our after school club runs until 4.15pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. These clubs are open to children in main school from Reception to Year 4 and are being run initially on a trial basis to ascertain whether there is adequate demand to ensure the scheme is financially viable. The cost for both clubs is £3 per child per session, with an additional £1 payable per child for any siblings. Places are limited. Our school does not qualify for any grants or other support to set up a breakfast club as we do not have enough children on role who are eligible for free school meals. Further details and booking forms are available from the school office.

We will also be continuing with a free weekly opportunity for children in main school to attend an after school club linked to health and fitness. Unfortunately the coaches who will be running these clubs are not available until after October half term. These clubs will be funded from the Primary PE and Sports Premium that primary schools currently receive and further details will be sent out in October.

I look forward to working together with you over the coming months to ensure that we continue to provide the very best possible opportunities for our pupils. Please do not hesitate to call in or contact me if you have anything you would like to discuss.

Julie Newton  
Headteacher



## Important Safety Information

Although systems are in place to restrict the movement of vehicles on the school premises at times when children are coming to and leaving school (including Nursery), this cannot be guaranteed. Please note that it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their children are closely supervised when using the school drive and crossing the car parking area, to prevent accidents from occurring.

For your child's safety and the safety of others please could you ensure that if your child comes to school on a scooter, bike etc, that they do not ride it on school premises, including the school drive.

At the end of the school day, when you see your child's class standing on the ramp, please could you move forward to collect your child as this makes it much easier to ensure a swift and safe handover.

Please do not let your children play on the play equipment on the school field when the grass is damp or wet, as it can become slippery. In dry conditions, if you wish your child to play on the equipment then this should be done only with close adult supervision.

Finally, The Trap Inn car park is available for parents to park in for dropping off and collecting children by car. If you do park outside the school gates, please ensure that you park safely and also with respect for local residents' driveway access and footpath users. Please do not pull up on the yellow zigzag area at any time, even for a brief moment such as to let people out of your vehicle.

Thank you for your support with the above.

## Local Sports Clubs

The following community clubs are open to children from Year 3 upwards:

Amble Junior Runners (linked to Morpeth Harriers) run by qualified athletics coaches. Sessions are free and take place on Tuesdays at 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Meet at Castlemania car park for a run in and around Amble. Parents are welcome to join the runners, especially for the first session. See Morpeth Harriers Facebook page.

Amble Junior Netball Club run by qualified coaches takes place in the sports hall at James Calvert Spence College, Acklington Road on Thursdays at 6.30pm - 7.30pm. The first session is free for new starters, £1 thereafter. See Amble Netball Club Facebook page for more information.

## Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Welcome meeting for Reception parents at 2.30pm.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Welcome meeting for Year 1 parents at 2.30pm.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Welcome meeting for Year 3 parents at 2.30pm.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Welcome meeting for Year 4 parents at 2.30pm.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Welcome meeting for Year 2 parents at 2.30pm.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Fire Fighters Charity clothing collection (bags will be sent home the week before)  
w/c 25th September - Book Fair Week in the school hall, open from 9.00am to 9.15am and from 3.10pm to 3.40pm (apart from Friday).

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - McMillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the school hall 9am to 11am. Everyone welcome.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Individual Parent/Teacher Meetings 2.30pm - 4.45pm (letter to follow).

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2pm - Harvest Festival, all welcome.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Individual Parent/Teacher Meetings 3pm - 7pm.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Tempest School Photographs

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - School closes for half term and re-opens on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

