



Broomhill First School

September Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year and a very special welcome to our new parents! I hope that you and your families have enjoyed the summer break. It has been lovely having the children back in school today and hearing about what they have been up to and I am sure they will quickly settle into their new year groups.

We currently have no school crossing patrol attendant on duty at the school gates, due to the resignation of Mrs Belisle during the holidays. I am working with Northumberland County Council, who provide this service, on resolving the situation and will keep you informed over the coming weeks. In the meantime can I urge parents to be particularly thoughtful over where to park when dropping off or collecting children. In particular, 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.

Our 'dates for diaries' section for this half term include details of parent information meetings for later this month, which we hope you will be able to attend. We hope you will find these a useful opportunity to find out more about what your child will be doing in school this year and how you can support his/her learning. Your child's class teacher will also be sending out a newsletter and topic details by the end of next week.

We have made some alterations to the Big Owls' classroom this summer and also the Early Years' outdoor area. We are very pleased with the results and I am sure the children will enjoy the improved learning environment. You are very welcome to pop in and have a look!

Please note that times and road closures for the Tour of Britain cycle race have now been finalised by Northumberland County Council and school will now close at 1pm, instead of 2pm, on Wednesday 9th September, to give you time to take your children to watch the event. Further details regarding this can be found overleaf.

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



Tour of Britain Cycle Race - Wednesday 9th September



Northumberland County Council has invited schools to support this event, which will see twenty of the best cycling teams race against each other across the County. Riders taking part include Mark Cavendish and Sir Bradley Wiggins. Our school has been designated a 'Safe Place to Stand' at the entrance to Druridge Bay Country Park, just opposite the end of Hadston Road, on the A1068. Children in Seabirds' class are taking part in a sand sculpture event before the race, after which they will be escorted to the 'Safe Place to Stand' by school staff - please see separate letter. For the remainder of our pupils, we are closing school at 1pm to enable parents to take their children to the 'Safe Place to Stand' so that they too can watch the race. County have suggested that you arrive around 1.30pm and that children will need to be closely supervised to ensure that hands, arms and flags are kept behind the barriers as the convoy, motorcyclists and cyclists will be coming very fast and could be close to the barriers. The A1068 will be closed between 1.45pm and 3pm. If you require any further information regarding this, please contact the school.

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.

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.

Finally, if your child comes to school on a scooter, cycle etc, please ensure that they do not ride it on school premises so that they keep themselves and others safe.

Thank you for support with the above.

Dates for Diaries

Friday 4th September - swimming lessons begin for children in Years 2, 3 and 4 (see separate letter).

w/c 7th September - PE lessons begin so please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school, including suitable footwear for outdoor lessons. Your child may wear jogging bottoms/leggings instead of shorts for outdoor lessons, if they prefer.

Wednesday 9th September - Tour of Britain cycle race, school closes at 1pm.

Tuesday 15th September - After school clubs start for Years 1 to 4. Details to follow.

Wednesday 16th September 2.30pm - Welcome Meeting for Year 1 parents.

Thursday 17th September 2.30pm - Welcome Meeting for Year 2 parents.

w/c 21st September - Book Fair Week in the school hall, open from 8.55am to 9.15am and from 3.10pm to 3.40pm (apart from Friday).

Monday 21st September 2.30pm - Welcome Meeting for Reception parents.

Friday 25th September - McMillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the school hall 9am to 11am. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 30th September 2.30pm - Welcome Meeting for Year 3 and 4 parents.

Wednesday 21st October 2pm - Harvest Festival.

Wednesday 21st October - Individual Parent/Teacher Meetings 3pm - 7pm (letter to follow).

Friday 23rd October 3.10pm - School closes for half term and re-opens on Tuesday 3rd November.

Please note that there will be no Trident Football sessions in school this half term.

