



Broomhill First School

February Newsletter



'Together We Succeed'

Dear Parents

Working in partnership with parents and our 'open door' policy really supports us all in providing the very best outcomes for children who attend our school. As part of these important links, there are several opportunities for you to be involved in school events during this term and beyond, as outlined in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks and, in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Julie Newton
Headteacher



GYMNASTICS DISPLAYS

Children in Big Owls and Finches have thoroughly enjoyed their gymnastics lessons with Mr Robertson this half term and they would really like to show you some of the work they have been doing. These 'showcases' will take place in the school hall on Friday 14th February at 2.30pm for Big Owls (plus Little Owls who stay for afternoon sessions) and 2.45pm for Finches.

Children in Seabirds who attend Mr Robertson's after school club on Tuesdays will also be putting on a display for parents on Tuesday 11th February at 4pm.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March with the theme of 'Bedtime Stories'. On this day we are inviting children to come to school wearing pyjamas and to bring in their favourite bedtime book to talk about. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities to encourage enjoyment of stories and reading and will also be given a £1 book token to bring home which can be exchanged for a special World Book Day book.

Parents are invited to come into school at 2.45pm to enjoy sharing a book with their child/children. Children (in their family groups where applicable) will choose a book for this special story time during the day from the school/class library. Children will also have their English exercise books ready so that they can show you some of the stories they have been writing this year in school! Please complete the attached slip and return it by Friday 28th February if you would like to attend.



PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor. Governing bodies are responsible for a wide range of matters, such as promoting high standards and school effectiveness, management of the school budget, and supporting and constructively challenging the school. The role involves a termly meeting and some monitoring visits. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. Please think about taking on this important role or encouraging someone else to do it, as our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing body. Please call in to see Mrs Newton if you would be interested in joining us.

FRIENDS of BROOMHILL FIRST SCHOOL

Friends are a group of volunteers who support the school to organise events mainly aimed at raising funds which can be used to provide our pupils with additional experiences and little extras throughout the school year. Funds raised in previous years have been used to subsidise class trips, invite creative art companies into school, visits to pantomimes, leavers' gifts for our Year 4 pupils, school discos and playground resources.

We are holding our next Friends meeting on Friday 7th February at 2.15pm in school. All welcome.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Internet safety is an important part of our school curriculum and we will be supporting 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday 11th February by having lessons in school relating to this subject. Each child will bring something home at the end of the day to share with you. If you have any questions regarding internet safety then please contact Katie Palmer who is our e-safety expert.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

On Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March we are holding formal parent teacher meetings which we hope you will all be able to attend. Appointment letters will be sent home next week with a reply slip for you to request your preferred time slot. If these dates are not convenient to you, then please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment. Although we hold these meetings in October and March, please don't forget that you are also very welcome to come and talk to us regarding your child's progress at any time during the year.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS – THE NEXT STEPS

We are pleased to be working with Northumbria Police on the Operation Encompass – the Next Steps project. The project aims to break the cycle of domestic abuse through education and support at an appropriate level for children, helping them learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and rules.

As part of the project, we have been provided with a School Safeguarding Liaison Officer, Karen Kirkbride, who will be providing 'drop in' sessions for any parents who wish to talk about issues that they may have around relationships and domestic abuse. Karen will be available in school from 12.30pm to 1pm on Friday 28th February and Friday 13th March.

Sporting Events

Thank you to pupils from Seabirds (Noah Tait, Philip Morgan-Stokoe, Lily Armstrong, Brody Hall, Leah Forsyth, Anya Wright, Evie Wright, Joseph Brock, Jude White, Franky Morley) for representing our school in the recent bench ball competitions and showing such good sportsmanship. We won three out of four matches and we were particularly proud of those children who joined pupils from other partnership schools to make up team numbers.

Children from Year 2 really enjoyed taking part in a range of gymnastics activities at Ashington Leisure Centre in January.



Finally, we wish our gymnastics team (Roxanne Flanighan, Lilia Idle, Hannah Barclay, Emilia Barclay, Leah Forsyth and Evie Wright) good luck in the School Games competition on the 13th February.

Diary Dates

In addition to the aforementioned:

- 10/02/20 - 'Be Safe' Workshop for Year 4 (preparation for transition to middle schools)
- 10/02/20 - Vision Screening for Reception Class
- 14/02/20 - School closes for half term
- 24/02/20 - School re-opens
- 25/02/20 - Seabirds Indoor Tri-golf After School Club commences (see separate letter)
- 27/02/20 - Finches Multi-skills After School Club commences (see separate letter)
- 03/03/20 - Reception Class visit to Heatherdale for creative session.
- 03/04/20 - School closes for Easter and re-opens Monday 20th April

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

Please complete and return this slip by Friday 28th February if you intend to join us on World Book Day.

I will be coming into school at 2.45pm for a story time session with my child/children

Name of child/children: _____

Signed: _____