

Broomhill First School

November Newsletter



'Together We Succeed'

Special Events

We have two special events planned for next week, as follows:

On Tuesday 12th November we are inviting children to wear odd socks to school to participate in Odd Socks Day, as part of Anti Bullying Week which is coordinated by the Anti Bullying Alliance. Andy Day and the Odd Socks have written a new song for Odd Socks Day called 'Change' which we will introduce to the children as part of a range of activities around the theme 'Change Starts With Us'. This theme is aimed at raising awareness that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying and by making small, simple changes, we can create a safe environment for everyone

On Friday 15th November we are having a 'Wear What You Like' 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.



Friends' News

The Friends' Committee are busy planning our Christmas Fair, which will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 3.15pm. 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 Jack and the Beanstalk at Whitley Bay Playhouse on the morning of Tuesday 17^{th} December. The ticket cost has 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 pupils will be asked to turn on the Christmas Lights for Togston Parish Council on Sunday 24th November. The pupil chosen will be the winner of a Winter Art Competition which will take place in school next week. Members of Togston Parish Council will judge the competition on Friday 15th 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 tombola, raffle, etc. to which everyone is welcome, and then at 6pm our children will sing some carols in the Church. After the singing the winner of the art competition will switch on the Christmas tree lights and Santa will also be paying a visit!



Poppies

We are currently selling poppies and other items such as wrist bands and reflectors 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.

Thank You!

We hope you enjoyed the children's singing, poems and presentations at our Harvest Festival. As a result of your generous donations we raised a fantastic £135.89 for the charity Water Aid.

We raised £86.05 at our MacMillan Coffee morning. We were awarded £257.50 commission from sales at the Book Fair and will use it to purchase some new books for classrooms.

Thanks also to our Friends Committee who helped to arrange the above.

Dates for Diaries

- 12/11/19 Odd Socks Day as part of Anti Bullying Week.
- 13/11/19 Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival at Alnwick 12.45-2.30pm.
- 15/11/19 'Wear what you want' day to raise money for Children in Need.
- 22/11/19 Year 1 hula hooping at Bothal Primary School 9.30-11.30am.
- 24/11/19 Carol Singing at Christmas Lights Celebration, Church Hall at Christ Church from 5.30pm.
- 26/11/19 Early Years Sensory Connections at Heatherdale during the afternoon.
- 26/11/19 Road Safety Officer delivering road safety sessions to all classes.
- 04/12/19 Christmas Fair at 3.15pm.
- 10/12/19 Year 4 carol singing at Heatherdale during the afternoon.
- 10/12/19 Evening performance of our Christmas Play 'Lights, Camel, Action 2: The Sequin' at 6pm.
- Children to arrive at school at 5.30pm. (No after school sports club on this day).
- 11/12/19 Afternoon performance of our Christmas Play at 2pm.
- 12/12/19 Christmas Dinner, children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/top to school.
- 17/12/19 Visit to pantomime at Whitley Bay Playhouse for children in Years 1 to 4.
- 18/12/19 Little and Big Owls' Christmas Party (morning, children to wear party clothes to school).
- 18/12/19 Seabirds' Christmas Party (children to bring in party clothes to get changed into after lunch).
- 19/12/19 Year 4 carol singing at Elpha Lodge during the afternoon.
- 19/12/19 Finches' Christmas Party (children to bring in party clothes to get changed into after lunch).
- 20/12/19 Stay & Play Session for Big Owls and Little Owls 9 10am.
- 20/12/19 School closes at 3.10pm for Christmas holidays.
- 07/01/20 School re-opens on Tuesday for the Spring Term.