



Broomhill First School

September Newsletter



'Toaether We Succeed'

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 had a lovely summer. It has been a pleasure having the children back in school and I am sure they will settle quickly into their new year groups.

We have a busy half term planned, as you will see from this newsletter, 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 welcome 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. Young children learn by practising skills little and often and parents who support their children at home will really help their child make progress. Class newsletters and topic details will also be sent out early next week.

One of our priorities for school development this year is to promote reading for pleasure. Encouraging children to foster a love of reading not only provides children with an enjoyable pastime, but also has many benefits for their literacy development and educational achievement. As part of this project, we are currently refurbishing and re-stocking our school library and we hope to have our 'new' library up and running by the end of October.

I am very pleased to inform you that the vacancy of School Crossing Patrol Attendant has at last been filled, with the successful applicant due to start this half term. Signs aimed at reducing the speed of traffic have also been put in place over the summer.

I am really looking forward to working in partnership with yourselves during this new school year to continue to ensure that we provide the very best opportunities for our pupils. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call in or contact me if you have any queries .

Julie Newton
Headteacher



European Day of Languages - Monday 26th September

On this day, children will take part in some fun activities to learn about and celebrate the many languages spoken around the world. Mrs Oman, our cook, will also be making a special themed lunch for the children to enjoy!

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.

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, outside the yellow markings and single white line, and also with respect for local residents' driveway access and footpath users.

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.

Thank you for your support with the above.

Dates for Diaries

Friday 9th September - swimming lessons begin for children in Seabirds (see separate letter).

Monday 12th September - Tiny Woods Football Club starts for Big Owls and Finches 3.15pm - 4.15pm (see separate letter).

Tuesday 13th September - Welcome meeting for Reception parents at 2.30pm.

Thursday 15th September - Netball Club starts for Seabirds 3.15pm- 4.15pm (see separate letter).

w/c 19th 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 19th September - Welcome meeting for Year 1 parents at 2.30pm.

Tuesday 20th September - After school clubs start for Years 1 to 4. Details to follow.

Tuesday 20th September - Welcome meeting for Year 3 parents at 2.30pm.

Wednesday 21st September - Welcome meeting for Year 4 parents at 2.30pm.

Thursday 22nd September - Welcome meeting for Year 2 parents at 2.30pm.

Tuesday 27th September - Bag 2 School Collection.

Friday 30th September - McMillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the school hall 9am to 11am. Everyone welcome.

Monday 17th October - Individual Parent/Teacher Meetings 2.30pm - 5pm for Finches and Seabirds (letter to follow).

Wednesday 19th October 2pm - Harvest Festival, all welcome.

Wednesday 19th October - Individual Parent/Teacher Meetings 3pm - 7pm for Big Owls, Finches and Seabirds (letter to follow).

Friday 21st October - School closes for half term and re-opens on Tuesday 1st November.

