

Broomhill First School July Newsletter



'Together We Succeed'

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely final half term and we are really pleased with the progress the children have made this year. We are all very proud of their positive attitudes and excellent behaviour. Thank you for your comments with regards to your children's reports and also for supporting your children by coming into school to watch assemblies, sports day (finally!), taking part in 'stay and play' activities and raising money at the Summer Fair.

The children had a great time on their recent trips and came back full of enthusiasm about what they had been doing. As part of their visit to the Glendale Country Show, Seabirds took part in a banner making competition. Every child in the class contributed to this and they were delighted to come 3rd out of 35 entries. The banner will be displayed in school once it has been returned after the main show in August.

Despite the weather, we had a really successful Summer Fair. Thanks to your generosity, super raffle prize donations and the hard work of the Friends' Committee and volunteers, we raised a record breaking £840! Dawn Laverick won our main prize of a weekend away in a luxury caravan, kindly donated by Elmbank Coastal Park, Berwick (a special thanks to Marie Smailes for organising this!). As well as subsidising our school trips this term, Friends also arranged an end of term disco and have already booked the Christmas pantomime treat!

On Thursday, it is our Leavers' Assembly and Strawberry Tea for our Year 4 pupils and their guests. We will be very sad to say goodbye to our Year 4 children, who have been such a credit to our school, but we wish them every success for the future. I am sure they will quickly settle into their new schools. May I also take this opportunity to thank those families of Year 4 pupils, who have no younger children remaining in school, for their contributions to school life over the last few years. We will miss you too!

As mentioned in my last letter, we will also be very sad to say goodbye to Jill Forester and Linda Blanchflower at the end of this week, and we wish them all the very best for the future.

I hope that you and your families have a lovely summer and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday, 5^{th} September.

Julie Newton

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous raffle prize donations for our Summer Fair:

Elmbank Coastal Park, (Berwick), House of Usher, Dolly and Daisy, Hadston Barber, Jaspers, Phoenix Barber, Strands Gifts, Boots (Amble), Boots (Hadston), Lady Milly, Edie Pebble, Coquet Tea Rooms, Kayley's Kitchen, Circa, Sweet Pod, Mocha Mondo, Urban Pooch, Raggy Dolls, Toys and Trinkets, Destiny Hair, Castle Mania, The Amble Butcher, Everlong, Amble Market, Northumbria Financial, Smart Office Supplies.

Sports News

Well done to the Yellow Team who were the overall winners on Sports Day. Yellow ribbons will adorn our Sports Day Winners' Cup until next year!

Year 4 took part in an inter-school Quad Kids competition and we are very pleased to report that they came first! This also resulted in Eden Howard being chosen to be part of the Ashington and Coquet Schools Partnership Area Athletics Team for the annual Northumberland School Games. Eden had a wonderful day which was made all the better when her team was awarded first place!



An Apology

Mrs Newton was very sorry that she missed Jack Shanks off the list of play leaders on the last newsletter! Jack kindly accepted her apology and Mrs Newton would like everyone to know that Jack has been kind, caring and conscientious in carrying out his duties.



Charity Shoe Collection

If you would like to donate any unwanted children's shoes at the end of term then we will arrange for them to be collected by Clarks and sent on to UNICEF to be distributed to children who are in urgent need of them. It doesn't matter if they are scuffed or marked. Children may wear trainers or any other sensible footwear on Friday if they wish to donate their current school shoes. Thank you very much to Izzy Hope's mum, Emma, for bringing this good cause to our attention.

Swimming

Weekly swimming lessons will begin on Friday afternoon of the 8th September for all pupils in Years 3 and 4, and will continue until February half term. Although the swimming lessons will be funded by the school (and hopefully subsidised by grants from East Chevington and Togston Parish Councils as in previous years), we will be asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £3 per week to help towards the transport costs.

And finally...

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School closes for the summer holidays on Friday, 21^{st} July at 3.10pm. We have a teacher training day on Monday 4^{th} September, therefore school re-opens on **Tuesday 5^{th} September**. Please note that this is a day earlier than some other local schools!