



# Broomhill First School September Newsletter



'Together We Succeed'

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year and a very warm welcome to our new parents! I hope you all had a lovely time during the holidays with your children. It has been a delight having them back in school and they have settled so well into their new year groups.

The Autumn Term is always a busy one so, as well as making a note of the dates overleaf, please check your child's book bag on a regular basis for further information. We also have a facebook page (see link on our school website <http://www.broomhill.northumberland.sch.uk>) which parents find very useful in terms of communication.

Thank you to all those parents who attended our parent welcome meetings. If you were unable to attend you should have received some written information but please speak to your child's class teacher if you require any further details or clarification.

If you would like to be involved in raising funds for the school then please come along to our Friends of Broomhill First School meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am. All welcome.

I am really looking forward to working in partnership with you this year to ensure that we provide the very best opportunities for your child. Please remember that we have an 'open door' policy and you are very welcome to call in or contact me if you have any queries.

Julie Newton  
Headteacher



## Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Our breakfast club is open on Monday to Friday mornings from 8.00am and our after school club runs until 4.15pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. These clubs are open to children in main school from Reception to Year 4 and will continue throughout the school year providing there is adequate demand to ensure the scheme is financially viable. Extending the hours of this facility could be considered in the future, depending on parental commitment and staffing availability. The cost for both clubs is £3 per child per session, with an additional £1 payable per child for any siblings. Our school does not qualify for any grants or other support to set up a breakfast club as we do not have enough children on role who are eligible for free school meals. Further details and booking forms are available from the school office.

We will also be continuing with a free weekly opportunity for children in Years 1 to 4 to attend an after school club linked to health and fitness. These clubs will be funded from the Primary PE and Sports Premium that primary schools currently receive.

## Keep All Our Children Safe - 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.

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.

Finally, 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 and also with respect for local residents' driveway access and footpath users. 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.

Thank you for your support with the above.

## SEND Roadshows

In It Together Parent Carer Forum and Northumberland County Council are holding a series of SEND Information Roadshows for the families of children and young people with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities). Please see the school noticeboard or contact the school office for further information.

## Music Tuition

Music Partnership North offer musical instrument tuition in schools. Further information regarding this, including contact numbers to enquire about which instruments are available and the cost of lessons, can be found on the partnership website at <http://music.northumberland.gov.uk>.

## Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Year 4 Kayaking

w/c 24<sup>th</sup> September - Book Fair Week in the school hall, open from 9.00am to 9.15am and from 3.10pm to 3.40pm (apart from Friday).

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Year 4 Roots and Shoots Celebration at Alwick Gardens.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September - MacMillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the school hall 9am to 11am. Everyone welcome.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Individual Parent/Teacher Meetings 2.30pm - 4.45pm for Seabirds (letter to follow).

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Individual Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.15pm - 7pm for all classes (letter to follow)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Tempest School Photographs

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2.15pm - Harvest Festival, all welcome.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October - School closes for half term and re-opens on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

