



## Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools

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Our overall attendance this week was

**98.5%**

**Well done everyone! Keep up the good work everyone!**



Welcome to our Half Termly Newsletter

### SCHOOL UPDATES



#### Welcome Mrs Ridley

Some of you may have noticed our New Deputy Head - Mrs Ridley- around school this week. She has been working hard to try to get to know all of the children's names, our routines and the members of our wider community. As some of you may be aware Mrs Ridley has joined us from our partner trust school Ovingham Middle and she is an extremely experienced SENDco. Mrs Ridley is in the process of taking over all SEND work within school and as part of this she has organised a drop-in session for anyone with any questions or concerns about SEND (details below) and will be in touch early next week with all relevant parents and carers to set days and times for any upcoming reviews and meetings.

#### SEN Meet and Greet

As our new SENDco, Mrs Ridley would like to invite parents of children with special educational needs, to a very informal meet and greet session. This will allow Mrs Ridley to introduce herself to parents and share her vision for SEND at Broomley. It will also give parents an opportunity to share their views and ask any questions. This will be a general meeting; where further individual meetings are required, Mrs Ridley will be in touch separately about these.

**The meet and greet will be on Wednesday the 18th January from 4.45pm - 5.45pm.**

If you have a child with special educational needs and would like to come along to the meeting, please either return the form that was sent home yesterday via parentmail or email [admin@broomley.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@broomley.northumberland.sch.uk) to let us know who will be attending.

## Chinese New Year Friday 20th January

Next Friday we will be hosting a special afternoon on buddy crafts and activities in school, to teach the children about Chinese New Year. The children will be learning about traditions and cultures, and how New Year is celebrated. Mr Brennan is also organising a special Chinese Food inspired lunch Menu too- see below for details. It sounds delicious!

(As this is a whole school event there will be no specific outdoor afternoon for year 1 or 2)

The menu for next Friday will be as follows:



### Chinese New Year Year of the Rabbit

*Sweet and Sour Chicken with Vegetable Rice and Prawn Crackers*

*Or*

*Vegetable Chow Mein with Egg Noodles and Prawn Crackers*

*Followed by:*

*Ice Cream*

## New Librarians



We would like to welcome our new librarians who will be helping Mrs Swan to run our school library. They will be starting their new role next week. Jacqueline Barnes, from the school library Service, who has been helping us get our library into shipshape condition, said what a pleasure it had been to work with the children and what a credit they were to our school. So well done librarians and good luck in your new role.

### **Singing Club - starting again on Monday**

Mr Ioannides will be starting his singing club again on Monday lunchtime. This will run at lunchtime, once the children have finished their lunch. The club will only be open to children from Y1 to Y4 this term and anyone in these year groups is welcome to go along.



### **BeYou**

The BeYou website is a service that has been developed to showcase Northumberland's mental health offer for children in the county. Below is the link to the website which contains information about the Graduated Response and the Thrive Model that we use across Northumberland. You will find some helpful information about supporting your child, but also information about finding support for yourselves too if needed.

As always if you feel you would like to discuss any worries you are having about your child please get in touch with school and we will do our best to help you.

<https://www.beyounorthumberland.nhs.uk/advice>

### **Healthier Together**

The link below is for an NHS website which has lots of useful information and advice about health and wellbeing for children which we thought might also be useful:

[Healthier Together | Home \(nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk)



### **Y4 Ford Castle Parent Meeting:**

Just a reminder to our Year 4 parents that you are invited to attend a meeting to discuss our Broomley and Whittonstall joint Y4 residential trip to Ford Castle in June. The meeting will be held at **Whittonstall First School on Thursday 19th January 2023 from 4.30-5.30pm.** Mr Hammersley and Miss Endacott will run

through lots of information about Ford Castle, including the accommodation, food, activities and timing of the trip. There will be a chance for parents to ask any questions they may have too. We look forward to seeing you there.



### **Volunteers for Sports Clubs:**

We are very keen to get some sports teams up and running at school. We are hoping to restart our lunchtime netball club again soon but would love to hear from any of our parents and carers that would be interested in helping to run some sports teams after school. If you feel you would be able to support the school with this please message the office and Ms Mansfield will get in touch with you to see how we could make it work.

## Local Events:



# **\*PRUDHOE LIBRARY\***

## **BookTrust Storytime**

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Come along and meet other families, share stories & rhymes and explore what the library has to offer... all completely FREE!

Suitable for under 5s and their grown-ups.

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Every Friday from 11.00am to 11.30am



### **DIARY DATES**

- Monday 16th January Singing Club with Mr Ioannides begins again - Y1- Y4 only
- Wednesday 18 January Informal SEND Meet and Greet Session 4.45-5.45pm
- Thursday 19th January Y4 Parent Meeting re Ford Castle Residential Visit in June
- Friday 20th January Chinese New Year Special Lunch (see above for more details)
- Tuesday 24th January Vision Screening for Reception Children - more information to follow
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Break up for half term
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February Return to school for Spring 2
- Week of 13th March Mother's Day lunches in school - more information to follow soon
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Break up for Easter holidays
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April Return to school for summer term
- Monday 8th May Additional Bank holiday for the King's Coronation
- Wed 28th - Fri 30th June Y4 Ford Castle Residential Trip

On behalf of staff and governors may I wish you all a lovely weekend, take care.

**Mrs Howe**

Executive Head Teacher