



Broomley First School

10 February 2023



Tel: W: 01207560325 B: 01661842271

Website whittonstall.eschools.co.uk/web



Our overall attendance this week was

97.7%

Well done everyone! Keep up the good work everyone!



SCHOOL UPDATES



Goodbyes

Next week we are saying not one, but two goodbyes to valued members of staff.

As you know Mrs Howe, our fantastic head teacher, is jetting off to America in a couple of weeks to start another amazing adventure with her family. We are all going to miss her very much so we will be celebrating her time with us at both Broomley and Whittonstall with a very special day next Friday. More information on that to follow shortly.

We are also, very sadly, saying goodbye to Mrs Dickinson, one of our amazing teaching assistants. Mrs D has been at Broomley for a lot of years and has brought a bit of fun, colour and joy into school every single day! She is hugely popular with both children and staff alike and we are all going to miss her. However, we wish her all the best and know that she will be outstandingly brilliant in her new role with Gateway into the Community in Hexham. For any parents who would like to say goodbye to Mrs D, her last day with us will be next Thursday.



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, it was safer internet day. This year's theme is 'want to talk about it? making space for conversations about life online.' The link below has lots of good ideas for conversation starters for parents and carers.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023>

The children had an assembly in the afternoon with Mr Moore where they discussed how to stay safe online.



Valentine's Non Uniform Day - Tuesday 14th February - £1 Donation:

Just a reminder that our School Council have arranged for a Valentine's Non-Uniform day on Tuesday 14th February and are asking everyone to wear pinks, reds, whites, hearts and all things Valentines! We will also be using Valentine's Day to celebrate a Kindness Day in school, where children are encouraged to perform small acts of kindness for each other throughout the day. We kindly ask for a £1 donation for this day, which the school council are using alongside our librarians to purchase necessary items for our school library.



PTA VALENTINE'S DISCO - Wednesday 15th February 5.00pm to 6.30pm:

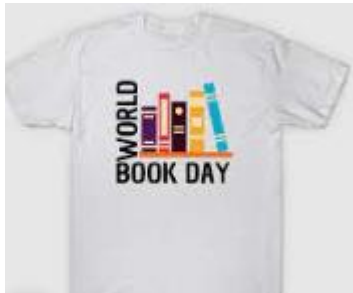
Another reminder that our PTA is holding a Valentine's disco on Wednesday 15th February from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. Mr Disco Man is booked and raring to go. Admission is £3.00 on the door and children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Come along and have a boogie!

No ArtVenturers' Club - Wednesday 15th February:

As it is the PTA disco on Wednesday 15th February, Mrs Mack has decided to cancel the artventurers' club that evening, to give everyone more chance to get ready for the school disco.

An extra session will be run on Wednesday 1st March to make up for the cancelled session.

Karate Club will run as normal.



World Book Day T-shirts - Thursday 2nd March:

After the success of last year, we are once again asking the children to decorate a plain white t-shirt to represent a book of their choice, which they can then wear into school on World Book Day. This might take the form of drawing the front cover of the book or a scene or character from it and they can decorate the t-shirt using whatever medium they would like - pens, paint, material etc. and it can be as simple or elaborate as you would like.

We have ordered a white t-shirt for each child which should hopefully arrive early next week. A T-shirt will be sent home with your child next week so that you have time over half term to get decorating. We can't wait to see your designs on World Book Day.



Headlice in School

We have had a case of headlice reported in school this week so just want to remind all parents to regularly check their child's hair and treat as appropriate. There is lots of information and advice on the NHS website about how to spot them and what to do if you find them. Follow the link below for more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Just a reminder that long hair should be tied back in school - this helps to stop the little critters jumping from one head to another.

DIARY DATES



- Monday 13th February Final Dance Club (due to maternity leave)
- Tuesday 14th February School Council Valentine's Non-Uniform Day
- Wednesday 15th February PTA Valentine's Disco - 5.00pm to 6.30pm (tickets £3 on the door)
- Wednesday 15th February No ArtVenturers' Club tonight
- Friday 17th February American Themed Celebration Day to say goodbye to Mrs Howe
- Friday 17th February Break up for half term
- Monday 27th February Return to school for Spring 2
- Thursday 2nd March World Book Day - more information coming home next week
- w/c Monday 6th March British Science Week - more information to follow
- Sunday 12th March PTA Rainbow Orchard ECO/Environmental Day - more information to follow
- Week of 13th March Mother's Day lunches in school - more information to follow soon
- Friday 17th March Red Nose Day - more information to follow
- Friday 31st March PTA Non-Uniform Day - raffle prize donations rather than fundraising
- Friday 31st March Break up for Easter holidays
- Monday 17th 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
- Wednesday 5th July Sports' Day (provisional date) - PTA to provide refreshments
- Friday 14th July Leavers' Disco
- Wednesday 19th July Leavers' Lunch and Leavers' assembly

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

Mrs Howe

Executive Head Teacher