



## Broomley First School

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Our overall attendance this week was

**97%**



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

### SCHOOL UPDATES

#### Coronation Celebration Day - Friday 5th May

##### Non-Uniform Day

Children are invited to attend school wearing red, white and blue for the day. If they wanted to dress as a King or Queen, that would also be great!



##### Cracking Crown Competition

We are inviting each child to design and make a crown at home. Children will be invited to wear their crown to school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Our wonderful PTA have donated £5 Forum Book vouchers which will be presented to the 'Best Crown' in each class. Be creative! Be imaginative! Have some fun with this!

We invite you to watch our Cracking Crown Parade at 3pm that day where the children will showcase their crowns before they head home for the extended weekend!



##### Picnic Lunch

Children will enjoy their picnic lunch outside (weather permitting!) with Mr Brennan creating picnic packed lunches for the children who have a school meal. If the weather isn't in our favour, we will enjoy our picnics in the lunch hall.

#### Coronation Activities

Throughout the day, the children will rotate around various learning activities. Each activity will have a different curriculum focus and will vary from designing a new stamp, to descriptive writing. Each class teacher will have a specific curriculum focus and the children will access each activity at some point throughout the day.



## **Community Events**

There will be many different community events taking place throughout the Coronation weekend. For example, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May there will be a 'Parade of Kings and Queens'. Councillor Anne Dale has told me that children, parents and grandparents are all encouraged to dress up and attend. The children could showcase their Cracking Crowns that day as well! See the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

## **PTA Coronation Tea Towels**

Don't forget that the PTA have commemorative Coronation tea towels, designed by the children, for sale. More information will be coming home soon about how you can purchase these so watch this space!



## **MY CHILD AT SCHOOL APP TO REPLACE PARENTMAIL**

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for MCAS. Everyone who has a current parentmail account should now have received an invitation email with your user name and invitation code. Please check your junk folder if you haven't received it and contact the school office to let us know. We can send the email again if you have not received it.

## **Online Payments via MCAS**

When you sign in to your MCAS account, you should now be able to see payment items including lunches, trips, music, swimming and milk where appropriate. These items should now be live to enable you to pay for them online. Thank you for bearing with us this week whilst we transferred any outstanding balances across from parentmail.

If you have any problems paying or think any of the balances are incorrect, please contact the school office.

## **Receiving Messages**

A number of parents have contacted us to say that they are not getting messages through their MCAS account and some of those that are, are not receiving push notifications. Some parents are receiving the messages we have sent as emails direct to their email accounts rather than them coming through on the MCAS app. This has happened in all the schools in TCLT who have gone live with this system so far, so our helpdesk team are working with Bromcom to find a solution to this. We will let you know as soon as we have an update. In the meantime, please keep an eye on your email accounts as hopefully you are at least getting the messages through that way.

We will post any messages we send out to the school website as well so if you know of any parents who are having trouble receiving messages, please let them know they can keep up to date via the website.



## **Y4 LEAVERS' HOODIES**

A group of Y4 parents have organised the leavers' hoodies for the Y4 children. If you would like to order a leavers' hoodie for your child, please follow the link below:

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/broomley-first-school-2023-leavers>

**Please note the deadline for orders is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May.**



### **PTA SPRING HAMPER RAFFLE**

As you will know, our PTA has organised a Spring Hamper raffle and every child should have brought home a letter this week with raffle tickets attached. If you would like to purchase the raffle tickets, please write your name on the back of one half of the numbered tickets and return to school in a named envelope. Payment can either be included in the envelope or online payments can be made direct to the PTA - their bank details are as follows:

Broomley First School Parent Teacher Association  
Sort Code: 20-40-09, Account number: 40396540

There are 5 fantastic hampers to be won - they look amazing! The raffle will be drawn on 28th April so good luck to everyone who enters.



### **Y4 Transition Events - Ovingham Middle School**

Over the coming weeks, the Y4 children will have various visits to and from Ovingham Middle School to help them feel happy and confident about their move next year:

- Thursday 18th May - the children will attend an Art/Science event - this will take place between 10am and 2pm and the children will get a coach to and from the event organised by school
- Friday 23rd June - Y4 will attend an Orientation day at OMS where they will get to know their way around school. The children will be taken to and from OMS by coach organised by school
- Monday 10th July - transfer day for all children in TCLT - Y4 children will go directly to and be picked up from Ovingham Middle School (so will not attend Broomley at all that day)

There will also be other visits arranged for children with additional needs and parents of these children will be informed of these separately.

Staff and pupils from OMS will also visit Broomley during the week commencing 15th May to chat to the pupils and answer any questions they may have.

Y4 children who are not attending OMS next year will be contacted separately by the middle schools of their choice who will let them know about arrangements for their own transition events. These children will also be able to attend the OMS events above with the rest of their classmates unless their middle school has an event on the same day.



### **New Reception Starters - September 2023**

Over the next few weeks, we will be sending out new starter packs to all children who have been offered a place in our 2023 Reception class.

We are also currently pulling together a timetable of transition events for these children and will be letting all new Reception parents know about these shortly. We are delighted that you have chosen Broomley First School and look forward to meeting and getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks.

### **Timetable Changes**

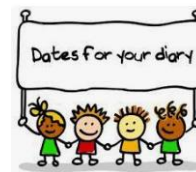
### **REMINDER PE AND OUTDOOR SESSIONS - SUMMER TERM:**

Just a reminder that some of the PE sessions and outdoor days have changed this term. See below for a reminder of which days each class has their sessions:

- Monday - PE for all classes (no change)
- Wednesday - PE session for Y1, Y2 and Y3
- Wednesday - Swimming session - Y4 - please wear normal school uniform
- Wednesday - Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) - Outdoor sessions

- Thursday - Reception Outdoor Session (no change)
- Thursday - Y4 Outdoor Session
- Friday - Y3 Outdoor Session

On the days where your child has an outdoor session, normal school uniform should be worn but waterproofs and wellies should be brought into school for the children to wear whilst outdoors.



### **DIARY DATES (new or updated dates in Red)**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May Deadline for ordering Y4 leavers' hoodies
- Friday 5th May Coronation Day Events - non-uniform, wear red, white and blue. Bring your homemade crowns to wear
- Friday 5th May Crown Parade - 3pm school yard- parents welcome to watch
- Friday 12th May Y3 Trip to Vindolanda - more information coming home next week
- Monday 8th May Additional Bank holiday for the King's Coronation
- Wednesday 10th May Reception Class Heights and Weights Measurement (NHS team)
- Thursday 18th May Y4 Science and Art Day - Ovingham Middle School
- Wednesday 7th June Whole Class Photographs
- w/c 12th June Father's Day Lunches
  - Reception - Monday 12th
  - Year 1 - Tuesday 13th
  - Year 2 - Wednesday 14th
  - Year 3 - Thursday 15th
  - Year 4 - Friday 16th
- Friday 23rd June Y4 Orientation Day to Ovingham Middle School
- Wed 28th - Fri 30th June Y4 Ford Castle Residential Trip
- Wednesday 5th July Sports' Day (provisional date) - PTA to provide refreshments
- Monday 10th July TCLT Transfer Day - children meet their new teachers
- Friday 14th July Leavers' Disco
- Thursday 20th July Leavers' Lunch and Leavers' assembly (approx 2.15pm)  
- please note change of date

On behalf of staff and governors, thank you for your continued support.

*Mrs Jacobs*

Executive Head Teacher