



## Broomley First School

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Our overall attendance this week was

**96.4%**



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

### SCHOOL UPDATES

#### 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.

We are aware that a handful of parents are currently experiencing difficulties getting access to their MCAS account. Our helpdesk team is currently looking into why this is so please bear with us and we will let you know as soon as we have a solution. Thank you for your patience.

**Please do not make any further online payments via parentmail after Friday 31st March.** We are transferring all existing balances as of 1st April to MCAS. The registers and online payments will then be set up and we are hoping to go live with these by the end of the first week back in the summer term. Please do not worry about any outstanding balances - we will sort all of these once we have the system properly up and running.



#### EASTER EGG RAFFLE - SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who took part in the School Council Easter Egg raffle this week. Our lucky winners are:

- Y4 - Eleanor
- Y3 - Thea
- Y2 - Bobby
- Y1 - Cora
- Rec - Sam

## Timetable Changes

### **CHANGE OF DAYS FOR PE AND OUTDOOR SESSIONS:**

From the start of the summer term, we have made the following changes to PE and outdoor sessions:

- Monday - PE for all classes (no change)
- Wednesday - PE session for Y1, Y2 and Y3
- Wednesday - Swimming session - Y4 - please wear PE kit
- 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.

These changes will start from the first week back in the summer term.



### **HOLIDAY DATES 2023-24**

A few parents have been asking for the 2023 -24 holiday dates. We have attached a copy of the dates to this newsletter and have also uploaded the dates to the school website.



### **BAKE SALE FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK:**

One of our Y4 pupils, Jack, is holding a bake sale and an Easter Egg Tombola stall this weekend. If you are able to go along to support Jack in his amazing efforts to raise funds for this fantastic charity, you can find him at Prudhoe Riverside, tomorrow, Saturday 1st April from 9.00am. Alternatively, you can follow the link below to see more information and also to make a donation if you wish:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jacks-eggcellent-tombola?fbclid=IwAR3X-z6umnY7tO0x-WpfVkyE1j2M4DI3ftJN7p6BVfmY3jBdrVv1rBVRhXE>



### **PTA SPRING HAMPER RAFFLE**

Thank you to everyone who brought in a prize donation for the PTA Spring Hamper raffle - we had lots of amazing prizes donated. A number of people sent cash into school rather than a prize. This money has been passed onto the PTA - they will be able to use this to fund any additional items needed for the hampers.

Watch this space for how to buy tickets for the Spring Hamper Raffle!



### **TRANSITION EVENTS:**

We are currently pulling together a timetable of transition events for our Y4 class and will let you have this as soon as the dates are finalised.

The first event for Y4 children will be on Thursday 20th April when there is a sports' morning at Ovingham Middle School. We will send home a consent form shortly. As this is a sports' event, we would like all Y4 children to attend even if they are heading to a different middle school. Transport costs for this event will be met at Trust level.



We have been asked to share information about Easter church services during the holidays:

### **Family Services & Activities for Easter:**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL PALM SUNDAY**

4.00 pm (St John's, Meadowfield Road) First @ Four – Family service exploring the Easter story through stories, songs, a snack, prayers and activities with something to take away. The service will last about 45 minutes. Everyone from 0-80+ is welcome.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> APRIL GOOD FRIDAY**

2pm (St George's, Eastgate Bank): Interactive Family Service for Good Friday, including making an Easter Garden and Easter Egg hunt. Everyone is welcome.



### **TYNEDALE HOSPICE AT HOME**

Tynedale Hospice at Home have asked us if we can promote the following fundraising events for them. Please support these events if you can as this charity does amazing work in our community.

### **Clarty Bairns 2023:**

Join our Tynedale Hospice at Home team and take part in the only family muddy obstacle course, running in the North East this summer. This event is suitable for adults and children (6+), prepare to have some fun and get messy in aid of your local Hospice at Home charity.

**WHERE:** Hedley West Farm, Marley Hill, NE16 5ET

**WHEN:** July – August (Multiple dates available on website)

**TICKETS:** £10.00

**FUNDRAISING TARGET:** £100.00 per group. Take on a challenge this summer and work together to smash your fundraising target with the help of friends and family.

For more information, visit: <https://tynedalehospice.com/product/clarty-bairns-2023/>

### **Big Bake 2023:**

Do you enjoy baking or eating cakes? If you think that you might be the next Mary Berry, or if you are simply looking for a great reason to get friends and family together then we are inviting you to rise to the challenge and host your very own Big Bake in aid of Tynedale Hospice at Home.

This could be a coffee morning, afternoon tea, bake sale, bake-off or, if you are a whizz in the kitchen then you could even sell cakes and donate the sales to Tynedale Hospice at Home. Whatever your idea, we can help you and make sure that your event rises to the occasion.

For more information, visit: <https://tynedalehospice.com/get-involved/host-your-own-fundraiser-for-tynedale-hospice/>

## DIARY DATES

- 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
- Wednesday 10th May Reception Class Heights and Weights Measurement (NHS team)
- 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
- 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, thank you for your continued support.

*Mrs Jacobs*

Executive Head Teacher