



*Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools*  
Weekly Newsletter  
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Our overall attendance this week was

**95.2 %**



**Keep up the good work everyone!**

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#### HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

Gosh, where has this week gone!

A huge thank you to all who attended the Eco School's Climate Change event last weekend at Broomley. We have had such lovely feedback from the community and a valued recognition for all the hard work the school is doing to promote climate change in our local area. A special thank you to Miss Richardson for her commitment and the positive impact she is making with the 'Stocksfield garbage crew'.

Well done and huge congratulations to all of our Year 2 pupils who this week have completed their end of Key Stage 1 SATs tests. Yay! All of the children who sat the tests demonstrated a positive 'can do' attitude throughout the week and should be very proud of themselves and their achievements; we are all immensely proud of each and every one of you! Thank you to everyone involved in the planning and running of this week which enabled it to go as smoothly as possible for the children involved.

Next week is Mental Health Week at Broomley and Whittonstall and children will be taking part in lots of activities about how to keep their minds healthy. The theme is 'Growing Together' and we are thinking about how we all support each other to be positive and have good mental health. Children will be having extra mindfulness lessons and spending lots of time outside and using nature to help our mental health and well being.

I am delighted to inform you that following a rigorous interview process over two days, TCLT have appointed Kelly Howe to the post of Executive Head at our schools. Mrs Howe is a real asset to our schools in her current role and will continue to take the school on its new journey in September. Huge congratulations, we are all thrilled and very proud!

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## **AWARDS OF THE WEEK:**

### **Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:**

- **Nursery Bucket filler of the Week** Natalie Blackley for sharing her knowledge on how plants grow big and strong.
- **Reception** Fox Armstrong for super mental maths this week.
- **Class 2** Isabel Simpson and Joey Ridley for their amazing effort with times tables and enthusiasm when singing our times table songs 😊
- **Class 3** Jenson Bewley for his excellent knowledge of rainforest plant and animal adaptations



### **Mrs Robinson's Lunchtime Awards:**

- Max Ridley for always being willing to help and eating his lunch.
- Harry Smith for his lovely manners and making healthy choices

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## **SCHOOL UPDATES**

### **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS NEXT WEEK:**



**Jubilee Summer Fair:** Not long now until our Jubilee fair next week! It will be held at school next Thursday 26th May between 3.15 and 6.00 pm.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in a donation for the stalls, we have had a brilliant response! In case anyone has not yet sent a donation and would like to do so, we requested -

- Class 1 Lucky dip prizes
  - Class 2 Chocolate donations
  - Class 3 Bottles
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- Our School Council are organising a Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Stall and would welcome any donations of outgrown toys, books and good quality bric-a-brac (no electrical items please) Donations can be of items suitable for adults or children and can be handed in to the school office
  - School will also be running a cake stall - donation of cakes and sweet treats would be gratefully received from Weds onwards
  - **If you would like to book a 'Build a bag' supper, prepared by Mrs Robinson, please return your reply slip and payment to school by lunchtime on Monday 23rd May at the latest.**

The PTA have loads of brilliant activities planned including nails and tattoos Stall, face painting, beat the goalie, mocktails, Body Shop products, name the teddy, donut wall, guess the number of sweets in the jar, whack a rat, bouncy castle and slide, Forest School "S'mores making around the fire" and many other activities for the children to enjoy. Remember the PTA are looking for volunteers to help set up from 1pm on the day - please let the school office know if you are able to help.

If you or anyone you know would like to hold a stall at the fair, tables can be booked at a cost of £20. Please book via the school office.

**Please note that there will be no Kids First after school club running on this date. Breakfast club will run as normal on this day.**



**Service of Jubilation Friday 27th May 2pm:** You are all invited to a special church service to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have also invited people in the village and surrounding area to join us for the service. The school has been asked to make a collage or art project to commemorate this special occasion and this will be unveiled at the service and will be displayed in Whittonstall Church. This will be a non-uniform day - we ask that the children and staff dress in red, white and blue. By then the village and school should be decorated with bunting to start the celebrations.

**CLASS 3 QUAD KIDS :** Our class 3 children visited Corbridge Middle School this afternoon to take part in the School games Quad kids event. They had a great time competing and represented our school very well with their behaviour and enthusiasm.



### **SALTO UNIFORM ORDER DEADLINE AND NEW PE KIT:**

We sent a parentmail this week letting you know that the deadline for placing guaranteed orders for September with Salto, our branded uniform supplier, is **Friday 15th July**.

This is their busiest time of year and with current supply chain issues they do need to have orders placed in good time.



We also mentioned that Salto will be supplying a new PE kit for us, which consists of a blue polo shirt and shorts, along with the existing PE hoody. This will replace the current house colour t-shirts. We will be phasing this new kit in - so our new Reception class starters in September will be using it from the start of their time at Broomley. For all other year groups however, we would not expect you to purchase this unless you were buying new PE clothes anyway as your child has outgrown their current kit.

The link for Salto's website to view all available branded uniform is [Whittonstall Salto](#)

## **THINGS TO DO:**

### **Northumberland Day 29th May 2022:**

There are lots of events and competitions being planned for Northumberland Day on 29th May, the scarecrow competition being just one of them! Visit

<https://mailchi.mp/0df0e923287b/northumberland-day-2022-how-to-get-involved> for further details and a full programme of events.



### **SQUASH STARS HEXHAM:**

Squash stars is a six week programme for 5 to 11 years olds and will be running from 11th June 2022 at Hexham Squash Club (NE46 3RZ). The programme encourages your child to collect stardust in skills such as hand eye coordination, racket work, movement, balance and match play.

For just £42 your child will get six sessions and a kit bag which includes a racket, ball, t-shirt and goggles. Each session will be led by our trained leader and will give your child the chance to explore, play and make friends in a fun and safe setting. We want to help them

soar in every aspect of their life and that starts with a positive experience in sport. If you would like to sign your child up visit [squashstars.co.uk](http://squashstars.co.uk) or contact Paul Satow ([paul.satow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paul.satow@yahoo.co.uk)) for further details

## **DIARY DATES**

- w/c Mon 23rd May Mental Health Awareness Week in school
- Thursday 26th May Jubilee School Fair 3.15 - 6.00 pm all welcome
- Friday 27th May Service of Jubilation Whittonstall Church 2.00 pm parents welcome
- Friday 27th May Non uniform - Children to wear red white and blue
- Friday 27th May School closes for Summer half term
- Monday 6th June School reopens for Summer term 2
- Tuesday 7th June Whole Class Photographs - Debbie Young Photography
- Wed 22nd - Fri 24th June Y4 Residential Trip to Ford Castle
- W/c 27th June Healthy Choices Week
- Wednesday 6th July Picnic for Reception new starters and parents 3.30 - 5.00 pm
- Thursday 7th July Sports' Day - more details re timings to follow soon
- Tuesday 12th July Corbridge Middle School Transition Day
- Wednesday 13th July Y4 Leaver's lunch and Assembly
- Friday 15th July Salto uniform order deadline
- Thursday 21 July School Closes for Summer holidays
- Friday 22nd July Additional holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Tuesday 6th September School Reopens for new school year

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

*Mrs Barker*

Executive Head Teacher