



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

88.2%



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

I would like to welcome you all back to school after the half term break. I very much hope you all enjoyed the long bank holiday and the Jubilee celebrations over the weekend. We have an exciting and very busy half term ahead with lots of summer fun and events for children and families. Please do keep up to date with the newsletter each week as this will have the latest information for you.

As the warm weather approaches can we please ask that all children have a hat in school that they can wear outside. We would also ask that, if the weather requires it, you apply an all day sunscreen to your child before they come into school.

I would like to say a huge thank you to those who took the time to answer our parent survey. We will be looking into our forms of communication with parents as an action point from the responses. Also we will be reviewing our homework policy and systems and procedures for next academic year. We really do appreciate all the kind comments which I have passed on to staff.

We do expect all the children to wear full uniform to school so please can you make sure they do so each day and that items are labelled with their name. The children can wear their PE kit to school on PE days and all clothing for PE must be plain with no writing or logos. Please also make sure they are wearing appropriate footwear.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

- Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week - Lucas Mackay-Hall for being so friendly and chatty with his new nursery friends
- Reception - Olivia McGuinness for amazing effort in her reading
- Class 2 - to all of year 1 this week for being phonics superstars. They've worked so hard in phonics and with their phonics screening. Well done year 1 🙌
- Class 3 - Sofia Lowell for her excellent ideas and writing

Mrs Robinson's Lunchtime Awards:

- Lucas Hope for always choosing from the salad bar and trying new foods
- Poppy Robley for her lovely manners
- Ellie Smith for eating up all of her veg!
- Max Ridley for always looking out for children younger than him

SCHOOL UPDATES



'Coffee and Catch Up' morning Friday 24th June 9.00 - 10.00 am:

We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers to pop into school for a social drink and a chat after drop off on Friday 24th June. You are more than welcome to bring along younger children with you. We hope to see lots of you there! Donations to the PTA are welcome but by no means required.

Outdoor Toddler Group:

Miss Richardson will be holding another of her fantastic outdoor toddler mornings on Thursday 14th July. The theme will be a summer celebration of bubbles and water! It is sure to be lots of fun, dress for getting a bit messy and wet and/or bring a change of clothes for your little ones! No need to book to come along and all are welcome so please spread the word. As you can see from the pictures below the children make full use of our wonderful outdoor area.





Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

NORTHUMBERLAND LIBRARIES' SUMMER READING CHALLENGE:

Every year, the library service run a summer reading challenge aimed at 4-11 year olds. The aim is for children to read 6 or more books over the summer holidays, with incentives and rewards along the way and a medal and certificate for all children who complete the challenge. This year, it is a STEM based theme - Gadgeteers which celebrates the key role of

imagination in both science and reading. We will send more information home in the coming weeks with details of how to sign up and keep your child reading over the summer.

THINGS TO DO:



Join us and enjoy a range of activities at our friendly club to see what membership at our club can mean for you and your family. Try sailing, paddle-boarding, windsurfing and boat trips for free on our open day **Saturday 11th June 11am - 4pm**, and start creating your special family memories.

Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club

DIARY DATES

- Wed 22nd - Fri 24th June Y4 Residential Trip to Ford Castle
- W/c 27th June Healthy Choices Week
- Friday 24th June 'Coffee and Catch up' morning in school 9.00 am -10.00 am
- Tuesday 28th June New nursery stay and play with parents 9.30am- 10.30am
- Wednesday 6th July New Reception picnic with parents- 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- Thursday 7th July Sports' Day - 1.00pm - 3.15pm
- Tuesday 12th July Transition Day - children only- new reception 9.10am to 1.00pm
- Thursday 14th July Outdoor toddler group morning - Bubbles and Water theme
- Thursday 14th July Y4 Leavers' Lunch and Leavers' Assembly (2pm)
- Friday 15th July Salto uniform order deadline
- Thursday 21st July School Closes for Summer holidays
- Friday 22nd July Additional holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Monday 5th September Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 6th September School Reopens for new school year
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On behalf of staff and governors may I wish you all a lovely weekend, take care.

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher