



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

88.4 %



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

These are exciting times for our Year 4 children. They had some special visitors from Corbridge Middle School on Tuesday this week as part of the transition to their new school. This was an opportunity to start to get to know the Corbridge staff, learn more about the school and ask any burning questions they may have had. Next week is their much anticipated residential visit to Ford Castle, where we know they will have a fantastic experience and make memories to cherish. It is great to be able to get the children out and about again and enjoying these vital learning experiences. We are so proud of our Year 4 children as they prepare to move on to the next phase of their school career.

This week we have had new smart board technology installed in all the classrooms at Whittonstall and Broomley. This is part of an exciting ICT strategy that we have been working on over the past year to enhance and upgrade the IT infrastructure in our schools.

I have recently received a number of applications for exceptional leave for family holidays. Please be aware that, whilst we do require parents to complete the leave of absence request form, I am unable to authorise family holidays during term times. Whilst I understand that holiday prices rise significantly in the school holidays and families have not had a chance to travel abroad for several years, these do not constitute 'exceptional circumstances'. Good attendance at school is vital for all children to make good progress and reach their potential. Schools and particularly Headteachers are under significant pressure from the Government and the Local Authority to ensure attendance of all pupils is good.

Next academic year the children will continue to wear PE kits on the days when they have sports activities in school, just for those families who want to prepare uniforms over the Summer holidays. Please if anyone is struggling to finance the purchases of new uniforms, do contact me directly and I will do my utmost to help.

Mrs Phillipson, our lovely admin assistant on a Friday will be leaving us at the end of this academic year as she takes up her new exciting promotion to Office Manager at Mickley First School. I am sure you will all be thrilled for her as we all are but she will be a big miss to our team. We will be recruiting the final weeks of this Summer term to have a replacement in place for September, I will update you in the coming weeks. We will be informing the staff in the coming weeks of the class arrangements for September and the children will meet their new teachers on transfer day on Tuesday 12th July, where they will spend the morning in their new classrooms.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

- **Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week:** Toppin Pollard for being a kind and considerate classmate
- **Reception:** Parker Smith for such effort and resilience this week
- **Class 2:** Nathan King for an amazing improvement in his handwriting
- **Class 3:** Dacey Faith Jenkins for brilliant analysis of her bar graph

Mrs Robinson's Lunchtime Awards:

- Ben Clarke for always trying his best to eat his lunch
- Maisie Anderson for using her knife and fork properly
- Rosie Robley for being her gorgeous self, always eating her lunch and having lovely manners

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.



Healthy Choices Week 27th June - 1st July:

We have some varied and exciting activities planned for Healthy Choices week this year. As well as learning in class about all of the elements of a healthy lifestyle, such as diet, wellbeing and exercise, the children will be putting their learning into practice by trying

some fantastic activities.

- **Monday 27th** Some class 3 children will be travelling to Corbridge Tennis Club for an afternoon of tennis
- **Monday 27th** Each class will be working with Mrs Robinson to prepare healthy snacks and we will be holding a food stall at the end of the day so you can sample the children's work for a small donation
- **Tuesday 28th** Class 2 will be visiting Dance City in Newcastle for a full day of workshops using Beatboxing and drama
- **Thursday 30th** Class 3 are spending the day at South Shields Surf having surfing lessons
- **Thursday 30th** EYFS and Class 2 will be taking part in a Dance workshop in school

Look out for further details and permission forms coming home next week.



CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS - ORDER INFORMATION:

We have sent a parentmail to each class today with information about how to access your child's whole class photographs. If you follow the link below and enter the password per the parentmail, you will be able to view the photos and decide if you would like to purchase one.

<https://proofs.debbieyoungphotography.com/WFSclass>

Any orders must be placed on line (following the link above) by Thursday 30th June. Debbie Young will then deliver the photographs to school by the end of the following week.

Please let the office staff know if you have any queries.

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.





THINGS TO DO: RSPCA Family Fun Day (dog friendly) at Seaburn Park! 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Purchase passes and tokens at the gate, and enjoy a huge range of activities and games:

Play: There will be a Giant Garden Games area (including giant jenga, connect four, beat the buzzer, snakes & ladders, inflatable bowling, and more).

Entertainment: There will be an interactive Bubbles Display from Paris Bubbles, taking place throughout the whole day - so we welcome pass-holders to bring picnic

chairs and blankets and set up with us for the day.

Dog Activities: Enter our 'low key', secret dog show for the chance to casually win a rosette from our doggy spies (just by entering and going about your visit). Plus, how good is your pooch's nose? Play the treat hunt to find out.

Kids / family: Win prizes/medals if you can spot all of our hidden ducks on our Fun day Duck Trail, or beat your friends at tug of war and take away a prize. Plus tombola, and a wide range of stalls and refreshments, including bespoke gifts, pet foods, health & beauty, crafts, cakes, bakes, sweets, coffees, ice cream, wood-fired pizza and vegan BBQ (to name a few)! Visit

<https://www.facebook.com/events/314241797460460/> for further details

DIARY DATES

- Wed 22nd - Fri 24th June Y4 Residential Trip to Ford Castle
- Friday 24th June 'Coffee and Catch up' morning in school 9.00 am -10.00 am
- Monday 27th June Some Y3 children to Corbridge Tennis Club
- Monday 27th June Healthy food stall 3.15 pm
- Tuesday 28th June New nursery stay and play with parents 9.30am- 10.30am
- Tuesday 28th June Class 2 to Dance City
- Thursday 30th June Class 3 to South Shields Surf
- Wednesday 6th July New Reception picnic with parents- 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- Thursday 7th July Some Y3 children to Close House to play golf - am
- Thursday 7th July Sports' Day - 1.00pm - 3.15pm
- Tuesday 12th July Transition Day - children visit new classes - 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

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

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher