



Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
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Mental Health Awareness Week 2022



Our overall attendance this week was

94.5 %



Well done everyone

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

It's been another exciting week this week at Whittonstall First School, with lots of preparation for our Jubilee Summer Fair on Thursday 26th May and Jubilation Service at Whittonstall Church on Friday 27th May. Our choirs have been learning some 1950'S favourites for us all to sing along to. It looks like they are going to be events to remember.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 4 residential information evening last night, we hope parents found the information useful. For those who were unable to attend, we will send the information home. If any further questions arise please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are really looking forward to our residential trip as it is such an important part of the children's journey here at Broomley and Whittonstall.

During the month of May, our Year 2 pupils will also be undertaking a range of assessments planned and delivered by their teachers. These will contribute towards their final Key Stage 1 assessments. The teachers have a fun week planned with lots of exciting activities, the assessments are carried out discreetly so the children will be under no unnecessary pressure.

For anyone concerned about Climate Change, don't forget about the event this Saturday being held at Broomley First. **Climate Action and You** is running from 10am to 2pm, and everyone is welcome. Why not go along, find out more and get involved.

As the weather gets warmer can I remind you to please check that your children's clothing is labelled with their name. We do have a lot of lost property, which we hope has made it back to some of the owners this week, although come along and check if you are missing any of your child's belongings. Could you also ensure that the children have a water bottle in school with them every day, to keep them hydrated in the warmer weather and apply an all day suncream before school on sunny days as well as sending a named hat into school.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:



- **Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week** Hunter Willis for being a super classmate and friend to others.
- **Reception** Charlotte Turnbull for consistent effort and hard work in all she set out to do this week
- **Class 2** Thomas Atkinson for having a super attitude and determination towards his work :)
- **Class 3** Louis Brenen and Leo Cowell for their amazing writing based on the story of Theseus.

Mrs Robinson's Lunchtime Awards:

Jenson Broadhurst for doing really well eating up his lunches

Donnie Kerry for always eating his lunch

Logan King for always eating his lunch and always choosing from the salad bar

SCHOOL UPDATES



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 would also like to let you know that Salto will be supplying a new PE kit for us, which consists of a navy polo shirt and shorts, along with the existing PE hoody. This will replace the current gold t-shirt. 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 Whittonstall. 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](#)



QUAD KIDS EVENT AT CORBRIDGE MIDDLE FOR YEARS 3&4 FRIDAY 20th MAY

Years 3 & 4 will be attending a sports event at Corbridge Middle School on the afternoon of Friday 20th May. The event is a School Games area qualifier for the County Quad Kids final which will take place in the second half of the summer term, if our teams are successful in qualifying. It is an opportunity for every Class 3 pupil to participate in the School Games and represent their school whilst also experiencing the environment of the middle school which many of the Year 4 pupils will transition to

next year. The event will be overseen by Helen Robson from Active Northumberland School Sport Partnership. The activities include:

50m sprint

400m run

Howler throw from standing - overarm throw with no run up

Standing Broad Jump - two feet to feet jump with no run up

The two winning Tynedale schools will be invited to attend the County/ level 3 event to represent Tynedale.

Could the children please attend school in their PE kits on Friday and bring a waterproof and water bottle. We will be travelling to and from Corbridge by coach. The children will have a slightly early lunch at school before setting off. The cost of transport to and from the event is covered by our sports premium funding, so there is no charge to parents, we just need you to complete the google form below to give your consent for your child to take part please.

[Quad Kids Event Y3&4](#)



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

Jubilee Summer Fair: On Thursday 26th May we will be holding our Jubilee Summer Fair in school between 3.15 and 6.00 pm. Thank you to everyone who brought a donation in today 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

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.

A letter was sent home and by parentmail this week outlining what will be happening on the day. 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.

If you would like to book a 'Build a bag' supper, prepared by Mrs Robinson, please return your reply slip

and payment to school as soon as possible.

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



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. We have also attached a flier from the Whittonstall Community Group to this email giving details of the full range of events planned for the village.

PTA FUNDED NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:

A huge thank you to our PTA and all of our parents who support their fundraising events, for funding some fantastic new den building equipment for the children to use. We had a special buddy playtime this afternoon to try it out and the results were AMAZING!



THINGS TO DO:



Kids shine brighter with
SQUASH STARS!
A squash programme for children aged 5-11 that's out of this world.

FIND OUT MORE

6 SESSIONS
£42
Includes kit bag
(racket, ball, t-shirt, goggles)

SQUASH STARS

squash

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 or contact Paul Satow (paul.satow@yahoo.co.uk) for further details

HALF TERM JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

at MATFEN HALL with

PGA PROFESSIONAL JJ VALLELY

MONDAY 30TH MAY – 10AM – 3PM

TUESDAY 31ST MAY – 10AM – 3PM

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR JUNIOR GOLF CAMPS WITH FIRST CLASS COACHING DELIVERED IN A FUN ENVIRONMENT. SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE LOTS OF SKILLS CHALLENGES, GAMES AND COMPETITIONS. WE WILL COVER DRIVING, IRON PLAY, SHORT GAME, PUTTING AND ON-COURSE TUITION.

10.00AM - 15.00PM EACH DAY (PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED).

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP CONTACT:

JJ Vallely on 07899090777 or email jjvallely@yahoo.co.uk

SINGLE DAY: £35.00 TWO DAYS: £65.00

'GUARANTEED FUN FOR ALL'



DIARY DATES

- 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 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 3.20 - 5.00 pm
- Thursday 7th July Sports' Day - more details re timings to follow soon
- Tuesday 12th July Corbridge Middle School Transition Day - more info will be provided to relevant pupils
- Wednesday 13th July Y4 Leaver's lunch and Assembly
- Thursday 21 July School Closes for Summer holidays
- Friday 22nd July Additional holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Wednesday 31st August Reception New Starters Extra Transition Session 9.30 - 11.30am
- 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