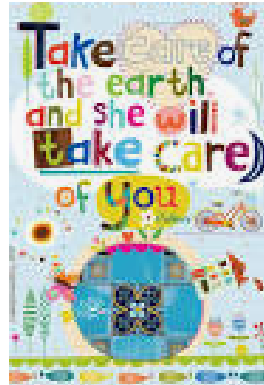




Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
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Our overall attendance this week was

92.7%



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

Hello and a warm welcome back to school for the Summer Term. I hope that you had an enjoyable break and were able to enjoy some family time and some exciting days out. We are also lucky to have a lovely long weekend with the Bank Holiday on Monday, so we will look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday.

The Summer Term is always a busy one and we are scheduling a range of events as we return to normality. However, this does have to be balanced with our most important job, which is teaching and learning and making sure that our children make good progress. Please keep a close eye on the calendar for upcoming events such as jubilee celebrations, sports day, summer fair and summer disco. We are really looking forward to seeing parents at all these wonderful events for the children.

Prior to the Easter break, I sent out the latest Government COVID-19 requirements. The main guidance is set here in the next steps for [living with longer COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April. In addition, schools have now received updated guidance from the DfE outlining the changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from today. Therefore, children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school, when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. The guidance continues that regular asymptomatic testing is no longer required; however, free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, after the universal testing offer ended on Friday 1 April. Should you have any further queries please refer to the guidance attached.

A personal thank you to those who have taken the time to offer such kind words and support regarding the news this week of my departure at the end of this academic year. I am really looking forward to spending as much time as possible with all the children this summer term and ensuring a smooth transition for both the children and staff for when a new Executive Head Teacher is appointed.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:



- **Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week** James Williamson for his wonderful retelling of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk
- **Reception** Logan King for real effort in his writing this week.
- **Class 2** Olivia Bullivant for great work measuring the height of trees using triangulation
- **Class 3** Samuel Craig for excellent work in RE

Mrs Robinson's lunchtime awards:

- Olyn McSherry for trying new foods and his lovely manners
- Oliver Child for always eating his lunch and having lovely manners

SCHOOL UPDATES



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY: Just a reminder that today is the closing date to apply to become a Parent Academy Governor on the Whittonstall First School Local Governing Body. All Parent Academy Governors must have children at the school (as parent or carer) and must also be elected by the parents and carers of pupils at the school. The period of office for service as a Parent Academy Governor is 4 years and a Parent Academy Governor would not be obliged to resign from office if his/her child leaves the school, they would be able to remain in office until the expiry of the term of office. The role of Academy

Governor can be hugely rewarding in terms of the impact that you can have on the outcomes for children as well as the opportunity to learn and develop new skills that can be of benefit to you beyond the school community.

Information on how to apply was sent out by parentmail this week and a copy of the letter is attached again with this newsletter.

MRS BARKER LEAVING:

As you will all no doubt be aware now, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Barker at the end of this term. She is leaving us to be the Primary School Improvement Leader at the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust and we would all like to wish her well with this amazing opportunity. Mrs Barker has been head at Broomley and Whittonstall for the last 6 years and she will leave a big gap to fill. We will keep you posted with news about her replacement once the recruitment process is complete. The children and staff are looking forward to making Mrs Barker's last term with us as joyful as possible and celebrating all her achievements over the last 6 years.



MUSIC LESSONS: Just a reminder to those children who have small group music lessons on a Tuesday with Miss Humble, to please remember to bring your instruments and music with you each week.



CLUBS ROUNDUP: As you will be aware we are very lucky that so many members of staff are giving their time to run some fantastic extra curricular clubs for the children. Here's a roundup of what is currently on offer.

- **Monday Lunchtime - Singing club with Mrs Barker** (starts Monday 9th May) Years 1-4 Parentmail sent this week to sign your child up
- **Tuesday After School Games Club with Mrs Lee.** Years 1 - 4. The first session unfortunately had to be cancelled this week so it will now begin next Tuesday 3rd May. Children have been informed if they have a place. 4.15 pm pick up.
- **Tuesday After School Art Club with Miss Wilson** Years 1 &2, children have been informed if they have a place. 4.15 pm pick up.
- **Wednesday After School Cookery Club with Mrs Robinson** Years 3&4, children have been informed if they have a place. 4.30 pm pick up.



E-SAFETY INFORMATION:

This week's e-safety information is all about the use of social media and how to make sure your child is prepared when they start to use it:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/>



NHS HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS PROGRAMME - RECEPTION CLASS:

On Wednesday 11th May, the NHS Heights and Weights team will be coming to school to measure the Reception Class children. All Reception parents should have received a letter before half term which outlines the purpose of the programme and what to do if you do not wish your child to take part. The results are used anonymously to monitor children in Reception and then again in Y6. School does not receive any feedback regarding these results. If you are happy for your child to take part in this programme, you need not do anything further. If you do not wish your child to take part, please let the school office know.



WASPS: Please be aware, if you are using the community field, that some wasps have been spotted around the summer house area. We have coned this area off until the problem is resolved.

TRANSITION INFORMATION:

Reception Class: Parents whose child has been offered a place in our Reception class for September will be receiving information this week about the transition arrangements for their child.

JOB VACANCIES - TYNE COMMUNITY LEARNING TRUST:

OMS have asked us to promote some job opportunities that they currently have:

- **Humanities Teacher** <https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Teacher/224732>
- **DT Teacher** <https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Teacher/224703>
- **Teaching Assistant** https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Teaching_Assistant_Level_2/224702

Broomley and Whittonstall also have a post for a class teacher - more information can be found by following the link below:

https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Class_Teacher/224581

THINGS TO DO:

WHEELBIRKS PARLOUR Farm & Craft Market Sunday 1st May 10.00am - 5.00pm



Farm and Craft Market

Sunday the 1st of May and Saturday July 23rd.

Come along to Wheelbirks farm for their very first Farm and Craft Market. They will be hosting 23 local food producers, makers, artists and small businesses, selling everything from pottery to cheese!

Jenny Purrett's on site art studio will also be having an open studio and hosting Canny Craft pottery painting. Free entry and parking.



DIARY DATES

- Monday 2nd May School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 9th May First lunchtime singing club with Mrs Barker
- Wednesday 11th May Reception class heights and weights check
- Thursday 12th May Y4 Ford Castle Residential Parents Meeting 4.30pm - more information to follow soon
- Thurs 19th and Fri 20th May Y4 Bikeability Training - more information to follow soon
- Wednesday 25th May Platinum Jubilee Celebration Afternoon - watch this space for more info
- 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
- Thursday 7th July Sports' Day - more details re: timings to follow soon
- Tuesday 12th July Y4 Corbridge Middle School transition day
- Wednesday 13th July Y4 Leavers' Lunch and Leavers' Assembly (2pm)
- 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 and stay safe.

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher