



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

92.6 %



Well done everyone - we have had a really good week for attendance!

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

A huge thank you for all the support last week for our 'kindness day'. We had some nice feedback that the balloons brightened up people's day and gave the children a lovely colourful welcome at the start of the day. Between our two schools we raised over £850 to go towards the 'Disaster Emergency Committee' which I am sure will go to help others and spread kindness as we all intended.

On Tuesday some of the children enjoyed a fantastic visit from children's author Jenny Pearson, the hall was full of children's giggles with an assembly followed by an exciting workshop for Class 3, where the children learned some of the tricks of the trade of an author!

As many of you will be aware, any final COVID restrictions and guidance will be changing from April 1 2022. I will be writing to you before the end of term to explain any changes. The bottom line is that the Government are removing the recommendation for testing, and recommending that COVID be treated like any other virus or illness.

This term has flown by and it seems only a few weeks since we were returning after Christmas. However, much has been accomplished in that time. We have continued to provide the very best offer that we can including school visits, trips and themed days as well as a creative extra-curricular offer for your children. I am very proud of what we have achieved despite significant pressures on our workforce. Whilst your children are likely to have experienced the impact of staff absence to some extent, I hope that we have been able to keep this to a minimum. Again, my sincere thanks to those staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the smooth running of our school during such difficult times.

We look forward to lots of Easter fun next week. On Thursday the children can bring in a plain hard boiled egg to decorate and on Friday we welcome entries to this year's family Easter egg competition, with some fantastic prizes for each year group.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week: Lucas MacKay-Hall for being a great classmate and sharing so well.

Reception: Olyn McSherry for his wonderful fact sharing this week!

Class 2: Joey Ridley for his super effort with his handwriting and presentation this week. Keep up the awesome work :)

Class 3: Elspeth Barker for again impressing us with her excellent art work.



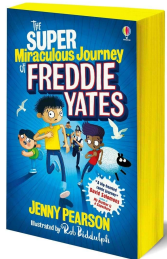
SCHOOL UPDATES



UKRAINE KINDNESS FUNDRAISING DAY- THANK YOU:

We would just like to update you on our final total after our fundraising day last Friday. Our non uniform day and bake sale raised an amazing £210.34 for the DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - so we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated money and cakes and who supported our cake stall at the end of the day. Events were held across the Tyne Community Learning Trust schools and we are looking forward to hearing how much we have contributed as an Academy Trust to this cause.

AUTHOR VISIT IN SCHOOL:



The children had a wonderful day on Tuesday when the author Jenny Pearson visited our school. Jenny has written 3 books including the adventure story, 'The Super Miraculous Story of Freddie Yates', which some of our classes have been reading during Story time. The children loved having her there to talk about Freddie in real life, and learning about Jenny's inspiration for the character before working on their own. The children really enjoyed the sessions and we are looking forward to organising more events like this in the future.



EASTER ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK: The children are all looking forward to Easter and the fun it brings, and we will certainly be getting into the Easter spirit next week in school.

Any children who go to Kids First will have been given a 'design an Easter egg' entry to bring home. If your child would like to take part in this please could they return their entry to Mrs Ridley by **Wednesday** next week. There will be a prize for the best design in each year group.

Next **Thursday** could each child please bring in a plain hard boiled egg from home to decorate in school. We will provide all of the resources in school for the children to use to decorate their egg.

Next **Friday** we will be having a family Easter egg decorating competition. You can work together as a family at home to create your entry and the children can bring their entries into school on Friday for the judging! There will be a prize for each year group for the best decorated egg, we are looking forward to seeing some imaginative creations!



WHOLE SCHOOL OUTDOOR DAY WEDNESDAY 6th APRIL: Next Wednesday 6th April we will be having a whole school Spring Celebration Day. There will be a rotation of exciting activities to celebrate Spring including a picnic lunch. This will replace the normal lunch menu for the day.

In order that the nursery children do not miss out on any of the activities, we would like to request that parents collect their children at the later time of 1pm next Wednesday.

The children will need to come to school dressed in layers of warm outdoor clothing to include waterproofs and wellies if you have them, rather than their school uniform next Wednesday.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS: Just a reminder that voting is still open in our Parent Governor election, so please place your vote to have your say on who takes up this important role on our Governing body. You should have received a Parentmail on Tuesday this week with an election statement from each candidate and a link

to vote. Please note that on the original parentmail, one of the areas where the local Governing Body recognised the need to strengthen our capacity was omitted, and this was then amended in a further parentmail message. The four areas should have read -

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Financial Planning</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>ICT Infrastructure</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Health and Safety</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Curriculum</i>

Voting closes next Wednesday 6th April. Each parent may have one vote, please go to [Academy Parent Governor election](#) to place your vote.

JOBS IN TYNE COMMUNITY LEARNING TRUST:

ASSISTANT COOK VACANCY: Prudhoe Castle First School and Highfield Middle School have let us know that they are looking for an Assistant Cook to work across both schools. If you or anyone you know may be interested in the post, please follow the link below for further details and to make an application.

[**ASSISTANT COOK - Prudhoe Castle First School - North East Jobs**](#)

THINGS TO DO:



EASTER JUNIOR GOLF CAMPS

WITH PGA PROFESSIONAL JJ VALLELY

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME FROM AGE 6-15 YEARS OLD

MONDAY 11TH APRIL
TUESDAY 12TH APRIL
TUESDAY 19TH APRIL

SINGLE DAY: £35.00 | TWO DAYS £65.00

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:
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MATFEN HALL

COUNTRY HOTEL, SPA & GOLF ESTATE



STOCKSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Join our special

Open Day

Saturday 2nd April

2PM-4PM

ITS FREE!

VISIT, PARTICIPATE & MEET MEMBERS



SEE YOU THERE, LETS HAVE A BALL!

DIARY DATES

- Wednesday 6th April Whole School Outdoor day - outdoor gear to be worn
- Wednesday 6th April Nursery children to be collected at 1pm today
- Thursday 7th April All children to bring a plain hard boiled egg from home
- Friday 8th April Family Easter Egg Competition entries to school
- Friday 8th April School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 25th April School reopens for Summer term 1
- 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
- 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