



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

93.9%

Well done everyone - let's keep up the good work!

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

I am sure that your children have enjoyed their first full week back and are now settled into routines again. The atmosphere in the classrooms is one of purpose and enjoyment and the children continue to impress me with their engagement and enthusiasm.

The government has announced further changes to the guidance on self-isolation, which will take effect from Monday 17th January. From Monday, people self-isolating with Covid-19 will have the option to end their isolation period at the start of day 6 of isolation if they receive negative lateral flow test results on days 5 and 6, and do not have a temperature. The first lateral flow test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release an individual from isolation. You must always have 2 negative results on 2 consecutive days (24hrs apart) before ending isolation.

The government has said that it is essential that two negative lateral flow tests are taken on consecutive days and reported before individuals return to their job or education, if leaving self-isolation earlier than the full 7 day period. Please ensure that reported results are forwarded to the school email address (admin@whittonstall.northumberland.sch.uk) for all cases where isolation is ending before the 7 day period.

The current rules for close contacts of positive cases have not changed. Fully vaccinated individuals who are identified as contacts of someone with COVID-19 should take daily rapid lateral flow tests for 7 days but are not legally required to self-isolate. Unvaccinated contacts are legally required to self-isolate for the full 10-day

period. Therefore, if you have not yet had both vaccinations you will be required to isolate for 10 days. (This rule does not apply to children under 5).

For further information please follow this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3dec7d97-e4bc-4a69-8fd3-3ab479721a16&utm_content=immediately&dm_i=6L45.FSHC.1G3JZD.1WTM5

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

Nursery Bucket Fillers of the week: Hunter Willis for being a super clever boy this week



Toppin Pollard for being such a polite classmate

Reception: Lucas Hope for fantastic reading!

Class 2: Esmee Thurlow for awesome art work!

Class 3: Ollie Wilson for excellent engagement in our science topic about electricity
Aurelia-Grace Justice and Agatha Smith for great progress in reading.

Head Teacher Awards

Max Ridley for brilliant work in art - and really trying his best.

Malory King for fantastic maths work, wonderful!

Henry Forster for doing an amazing job performing in the Panto and then coming into school and working his socks off each day as well. What a super star!

Mrs Robinson's Lunchtime Awards:

Elspeth Barker for always thinking of others at lunchtime

Lucas Mackay-Hall and Toppin Pollard for eating up all of their lunches all week!

SCHOOL UPDATES



NO MUSIC LESSONS FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS: just a reminder that Miss Humble won't be in school for the next two weeks as she is getting married. We all send our congratulations to her and look forward to seeing her again w/c 31st January. Any instruments left in school should be collected so that the children can keep practising and really impress Miss Humble when she returns.



REPORTING SICKNESS ABSENCE:

When reporting your child absent from school on the school absence line, please could we ask that you give clear details as to why your child is absent from school. We often get messages that just say a child is poorly or under the weather which means that we then have to ring back to obtain more information. We have to provide a daily update to the Department for Education as to why children are absent so it is important that we get as much information as possible. We really appreciate your help with this.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DVDS: We are pleased to let you know that the Christmas performance DVDs have been delivered and will be coming home with the children, for those who ordered them. We hope you enjoy watching them together as a family.

DRIVING NEAR SCHOOL: Can we please reiterate again that parents and carers should not come into the drive adjacent to school or reverse into it to turn around. Parking in school is restricted to school staff only at certain times of the day to ensure it is safe for both children and parents to enter the car park when they drop off or pick up their children. There has been another incident reported this week of a car reversing into the school drive to turn around narrowly missing a pedestrian. We understand there is limited parking near school but ask that all of you work with us by parking and driving with consideration to others to keep everyone safe.

DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 18/ 25th January No music lessons
- Wednesday 26th January M&M Production of Jack and the Beanstalk at Broomley First - rescheduled date
- Tuesday 1st February Music lessons restart
- Friday 4th February NSPCC Number Day - mega maths fundraising day - more information to follow shortly
- Tuesday 8th February Safer Internet Day - activities in class
- Friday 18th February School Closes for half term
- Monday 28th February School reopens for Spring term 2
- Friday 18th March Comic Relief Red Nose Day - more information to follow
- Mon 21st - Fri 27th March Neurodiversity Week - celebrating learning differences and the strengths and talents that come from thinking and perceiving the world differently
- Friday 8th April School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 25th April School reopens for Summer term 1

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

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher