

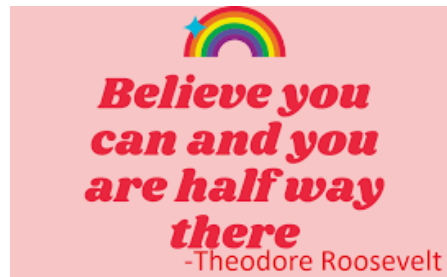


Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
21st January 2022



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Our overall attendance this week was

87.0 %

Our attendance this week has been hit by a number of Covid absences. Hopefully we will start to get back to normal next week!

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

Next week we are looking forward to our postponed visit down to Broomley to watch the Jack and the Beanstalk panto. There will be separate performances for the Broomley and Whittonstall children, with cleaning in between the shows. Please see further information in the main part of the newsletter.

We have had a number of covid cases in school this week and have notified those parents whose children have been identified as close contacts with information on daily lateral flow testing. The symptoms displayed so far have been headaches, vomiting and aches and pains, so we ask parents to be as vigilant as possible if your child is feeling unwell. A flow chart was sent out by Parentmail this week to help calculate the isolation period following a positive test result.

If anyone has any of the **main symptoms of COVID-19, they are strongly advised to take a PCR test, not an LFD test.** If someone with symptoms has already taken an LFD test for any reason and the result is positive, they do not need to take a follow-up PCR test. Please at this time can you remain vigilant and if your child displays these symptoms we ask if you could book a PCR test and not be reliant on LFTs if you receive a negative result.

Up until now, primary school aged children have not been asked to take lateral flow tests. However, in order to reduce the spread of infection, the government now recommends that anyone aged 5 years and over who is a close contact of someone with COVID-19 takes daily lateral flow tests for 7 days.

While this guidance is advisory, we are grateful for your help in encouraging your child with testing which will help to keep pupils and staff safe by preventing further spread within school, whilst reducing disruption to your child's education.

LFD tests for children can be ordered online for home delivery at www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or they can be collected from a local pharmacy.

We are aware that some children having to isolate due to the virus, may feel well enough to engage with remote learning. Please be aware that there is no expectation for children who are ill to complete work as the most important thing is for them to recover from the illness. Class teachers will therefore continue to publish timetables and resource sheets on the google classroom platform. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you require support with technology or resources.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:



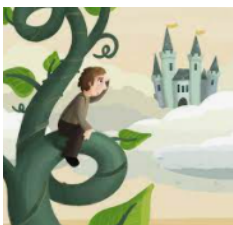
Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

- **Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week** - Lucas MacKay-Hall - for playing so nicely with his new friends and sharing so well with others.
- **Reception** Isabella Hewson for super effort in phonics this week identifying all those diagraphs!
- **Class 2** Rowan Sempers for his fantastic dialogue.
- **Class 3** Donnie Kerry for excellent English work, supported by his tremendous art skills.
Woody Armstrong for asking sensible and well thought out questions during lessons.

Mrs Robinson's Lunchtime Award: Martha Craig for being a superstar and trying new foods

SCHOOL UPDATES

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK PANTO:



Next week we are looking forward to our postponed visit down to Broomley to watch the Jack and the Beanstalk panto. A few parents have yet to give permission for their child to take part in the trip and have been sent a parentmail reminder today. Please complete the google form [Jack and the Beanstalk permission](#) to allow your child to take part. If you have not received a reminder you have already given permission for your child to attend.

There will be separate performances for the Broomley and Whittonstall children, with cleaning in between the shows. The Reception to Year 4 children will travel by coach to and from Broomley and will return to school in time for lunch. The children should wear their uniforms as normal please. The Nursery children will remain at school and be collected at the usual time. If you have not already made the voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the panto and would like to do so, it is still available on Parentmail.

OUTDOOR TODDLER GROUP SESSIONS:

Miss Richardson will be holding two sessions of the outdoor toddler group on -

- **Thursday 27th January** - the theme will be the Big Garden Bird Watch

and

- **Thursday 10th February** - Chinese New Year theme

Both sessions start at 9.00 am. All preschool age children and their carers are welcome to come along, no need to book. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of refreshments and resources.

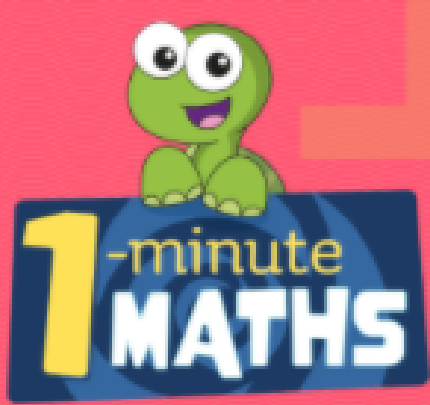


WHITE ROSE MATHS APP:

This week White Rose Maths have launched their 1 -Minute Maths App...it may be a good way to help your child gain greater confidence in maths.

Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

1. Excellent practice — and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. It's FREE!



Download on the App Store | Get it on Google Play

HOMEWORK HELP:



Below is a link to parental webinars to help you help your child with their Doodle Homework. The short videos are quick and easy to follow and will give you further knowledge of our Doodle Homework apps. Great for getting the most out of Doodle Learning.

<https://www.doodlelearning.com/parent-webinars>

DIARY DATES

- Tues 25th Jan Tuesday 2nd February No small group music lessons - classes resume with Miss Humble on
- Wednesday 26th January M&M Production of Jack and the Beanstalk rescheduled date
- 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
- Thursday 3rd March World Book Day
- w/c 6 March Parents' Evenings
- 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