



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

95.3 %

Well done everyone for a fantastic attendance record this week.

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE: It was wonderful to see all of the children thinking of others today by taking part in our Children in Need fundraiser in school. There were spots, yellow and a whole host of pudsey ears on display as the children learnt about the work the charity does, and all enjoyed tasks in their classroom as well as a buddy playtime. At Broomley we pride ourselves on being a community school and this Christmas season with the school councils backing, we are aiming to help even more people less fortunate than ourselves. Later in the newsletter you will read about how we will be supporting The People's Kitchen's Feed a Friend for a Fiver campaign to provide a warm meal and companionship for those in need this Christmas. We are always looking for more ways to give back and support our wonderful community so if you do have any ideas for fundraising events or ways we might further support our community please do get in touch. Have a wonderful weekend everyone, see you next week for more Christmas song singing and hard work.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

- **Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week:** James Williamson for amazing independence and enthusiasm in all he has done this week.
- **Reception:** Parker Smith for real effort with his handwriting this week.
- **Class 2:** Isobel Palmer for being a maths superstar today!
- **Class 3:** Oliver Child and Sofia Lowell for being so kind and lovely that they earned themselves a special smiley badge during 'Friendship Week'.



Mrs Robinson's Lunchtime Awards:

- Harvey Stokoe for always eating up his lunches
- Olivia Bullivant for always thinking of others

SCHOOL UPDATES



Children in Need:

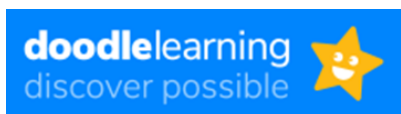
The children, as usual, looked amazing in their spots and Pudsey gear. Well done everyone for making such a tremendous effort.

Our school Just Giving page is still available for anyone who would like to donate. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. Together with the sale of ears and wristbands and cash donations, we have so far raised a fantastic £170.50! Thank you everyone for your support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whittonstall-first-school2>



PTA 12 Days of Christmas 'Buy a Square' Prize draw: Our wonderful PTA are again running their 12 days of Christmas prize draw. You pay £5 to buy a square and each day a number (or more than one depending on the final number of prizes to give out) will be drawn daily from December 1st through to December 12th. We have lots of fantastic prizes from vouchers to luxury hampers available to win. If you would like to take part then please send £5 per number into school in a clearly marked envelope. You may purchase as many numbers as you like. Good luck everyone!



DOODLE LEARNING: This term we are using Doodle Learning for homework. We have attached a letter from Doodle which includes lots of helpful information for parents about Doodle and the benefits it brings. Just 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference to your child's learning. We

would like to encourage all parents to help their child use Doodle at homework time. If you have any queries about Doodle, there is an online chat facility within the app where experts can help with any issues you may be experiencing. Or let us know in school and we will be happy to help.

Pamela Butchart Year 2 Virtual Event: We have had an update from the event organisers that Pamela is still unwell and isn't able to rebook the event or to sign the bookplates at the moment for the books we have ordered. They have asked us to let them know by next Monday 23rd November if anyone would like to cancel their orders as a result of this. Please could you email admin@broomley.northumberland.sch.uk or phone us on 842271 if you ordered a book for your child and would now like to cancel the order, by Monday 23rd November.

We apologise for the inconvenience and any disappointment for the children, and we wish Pamela a speedy recovery.



Christmas Appeal for The People's Kitchen:

We have been thinking of how we can help others during the festive season. We have decided to support the 'Feed a Friend for a Fiver' appeal for the People's Kitchen in Newcastle. Each fiver donated makes it possible for someone in need to enjoy a warm 3 course meal this Christmas in a safe space, with friends who understand and care for each other. Receiving this friendship often gives people the strength needed to navigate tough times. We have set up a Just Giving page for donations, follow the link -

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whittonstall-first-school3> You can make a donation of any amount on the page and together we can hopefully provide lots of hot meals for people who really need them. If you would like to know more about the work of The People's Kitchen, visit their website



Things to do:



Celebrate the festivities in the build up to Christmas with National Trust's brand new magical light trail - Christmas at Gibside - on show from Friday 26 November 2021 - Sunday 2 January 2022.

Look forward to some together time as you discover sparkling tunnels of light, walk under giant baubles and beneath trees drenched in jewel-like colour. For a moment of reflection pause at mesmerising flickering flames in the fire garden, gaze at the specially chosen illuminations and don't forget to glimpse Father Christmas along the way.



Have yourself a holly, jolly Christmas and complete your walk under the stars with a *spiced winter warmer, *hot chocolate or *toasted marshmallows shared with someone special.

Your very merriest Christmas starts here. Limited capacity with timed entry. Plan now to secure the date and time of your choice.

Tickets: £26.00 (advance booking and adult + parking for non-members), £18 (advance booking adult entry + parking space for National Trust member) Family and child tickets available. Visit the website for more information.

Gibside National Trust

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DIARY DATES

- w/c 29th November Interfaith week - more info about planned activities to follow
- Thursday 2nd December Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 6th December Debbie Young Photography in school to take pictures of children in their Christmas play outfits
- Thursday 9th December Christmas Storytelling evening 5.00 - 6.30 pm, more details to follow
- Monday 13th December Christmas Performances - due to Covid restrictions, parents will not be able to attend but performances will be filmed and shared
- Wednesday 8th December Christmas Lunch
- Friday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Wednesday 15th December M and M Production of Jack and the Beanstalk at Broomley (separate performances will be held for each school, more details to follow)
- Friday 17th December Class Christmas parties am - children invited to wear party clothes
- Friday 17th December Christingle Service pm
- Tuesday 4th January Teacher Training Day
- Wednesday 5th January School Reopens for Spring Term



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

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher