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Broomlands Primary School – February 2026

After a wet and slightly wild January, we're rapidly approaching the February break, and certainly hoping for better weather in the coming weeks. As usual, classes have been busy and there's more on the horizon.

Primary 7 have recently attended 'Crucial Crew', a newly revamped set of workshops highlighting a range of safety issues and giving the children key awareness of behaviours and actions that will help keep them safe.

We also have P7 Sportshall Athletics coming up on Thursday 5th February, as a team from Broomlands travel to Galashiels to compete with other schools from across the Scottish Borders. This is followed closely by the much-anticipated P7 residential to Robinwood from 25th to 27th February.

Class photos will take place on Wednesday 4th February.

Staff are currently working in two working parties focusing on developing our practice around writing, and play/enquiry-based learning. It has been great to see P3/4 trialling some approaches to play that are closely tied to learning outcomes, and how well the children are responding to this. Our In-Service training on Monday 23rd February will see staff working with other cluster schools to further develop our understanding and approaches to working with neurodiverse children. This will be followed by a workshop based around the 'Included, Engaged & Involved' document published by Scottish Government.

We would like to invite our ELC parents to a drop in session on Monday 9th February, to give you the chance to chat with staff about changes and improvements in our setting, and to give us the chance to hear from you with any questions or ideas you may have. Staff have been working incredibly hard to develop the setting, at pace, and you would be very welcome either between 10-11am or 2-3pm, or indeed to chat informally at pick-up on that day.

Thank you,
Mr Lindsay

Parental Digital Event – 5th March, 3.45 – 4.45pm



We are pleased to offer an after-school event for parents to find out more about how we use digital technology in school. This event will be supported by a member of the SBC Inspire team and the focus will include:

Inspire Learning & the Technology Curriculum

- Digital Literacy and Competency
- Modern Learning, Teaching & Assessment
- Skills for Life, Learning & Work

A Teachers Perspective

- Miss Scott will share her experience of digital technology in the classroom, including positives, learning opportunities, challenges and balancing ‘traditional’ learning approaches with digital opportunities.

Common Parental Concerns

- Screen Time & Wellbeing
- Safety, Supervision & Online Behaviour
- Distraction or Misuse

Partnership with Parents

- Routines: charging overnight, storing safely, monitoring use at home.
- Promoting responsible digital citizenship.

Open Question & Answer Session

We will offer childcare for this session to allow parents to have some focused time as part of this event. There will also be a chance to ask questions and hear more about digital learning at the Parent Council meeting at 6pm on the same evening.

Parent Helpers

We appreciate parent volunteers and value your support. To ensure a safe and respectful environment, as we move into the new year all parent helpers will receive a code of conduct guide from the school office. Please review and sign the return slip to confirm your agreement.

Road Safety

Miss Amos' Primary 6 pupils, supported by the JRSOs, will begin planning a campaign to promote road safety for our school community next term. The initiative aims to raise awareness of travel risks, encourage safe crossing practices, highlight the importance of using the school crossing patrol and promote responsible parking near the school. We encourage all families to support and engage with this campaign in the coming weeks.

- Please use the **Groupcall Eduspot App** as the main point of contact with the school office. This can be downloaded easily onto a smartphone on both Apple and Android devices.
- Neither **dogs** nor **smoking** are permitted anywhere on school grounds.
- **Allergies** – As a school, we try to be allergy aware. It is very important that children do not bring food containing peanuts in the lunches/snacks. We have children in school with severe allergies and must ensure their safety.
- **Spare clothes** – We ask that P1-3 children could have spare clothes in their school bag (pants, socks joggers, etc.)
- **Label Clothes** – please ensure all clothes, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled.
- Please be aware that staff can only administer **medication** prescribed by a medical professional. A form is required which you can fill out from the school office.
- **Recycling** – Please donate to the ragbag bin, with items bagged prior to being deposited. We are paid with each kilogram received, money which we use to improve resources for the children.
- **Parent Council** – Our last AGM was very positive, and we remind you that this is open to all and we would all be delighted if you could come along and have a voice in how the school runs.

Attendance

If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the school office to make them aware. If for any reason we have not been informed of an absence a group call will be sent to ascertain the reason for absence. If we don't get a response to the groupcall then we will endeavour to speak to one of your chosen emergency contacts. If we are unable to make contact we will, in line with other SBC schools, need to contact partner agencies to ensure we can guarantee the safety of our youngsters.

Please do all you can to arrange medical or dental appointments out-with school time. If you are unable to do this then please let the school know in advance, in writing, so we have a clear record of this. Children being collected for appointments during the school day should leave only via the main reception. Thank you for your support with this.

Free School Meals and Clothing Grant

Please use the link below to find out more about what is available to you. Scottish Government continues to support free school meals for all P1-5 children.

Eligible families should register for free school meals to access additional support and increase school funding.

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20040/clothing_meals_and_transport/480/free_school_meals_and_help_with_schoolwear Uniform can be ordered from www.border-embroideries.co.uk.

Party Invitations

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide lists of children in classes to parents due to data protection regulations. Likewise, we ask that parents hand party invitations out themselves as teachers cannot hand these out during learning time. The class line-up in the morning may be the best option, if required.

School Lunches

Please order school lunches online via ParentPay. Meals can be ordered weekly, monthly or up to a term at a time. If you place weekly orders, we kindly request that these are submitted over the weekend to help reduce administrative workload on Monday mornings. That would be greatly appreciated.

Holidays

A copy of school holidays for the coming year are available on the SBC website at <https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/schools-learning/term-holiday-closure-dates/2>

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event Details
4 February	Class Photographs
5 February	P7 Sports Hall Athletics for selected pupils
9 February	ELC Open session for parents, 10-11am, 2-3pm
12 February	P7 Residential Parent Information Session, 6pm, School Dining Room
13 February	Last day at school
16 – 20 February	Holiday Week
23 February	In-Service Staff Training Day (School closed)
25 – 27 February	P7 Residential
5 March	Parent Session – Digital Technology 3.45 – 4.45pm (Childcare available)
5 March	Parent Council Meeting, 6pm in school.