

# Broomlands Primary School



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## November/December News

Well folks, the temperature has dropped and we're feeling more like we're into the winter season after the first frosts. We'll be meeting you this week for parents' evenings, on the Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and we look forward to seeing you there. As before, a movie will be on in the dinner hall for children.

I hope those of you who came along to our 'Zones of Regulation' Parent Workshops found them helpful. It was good to see such a healthy turn-out to both sessions. It was good to be able to share some of our thinking, discuss this with you, and offer some resources to support this. If anyone would like a copy of the parent pack, please let us know.

We have all sorts planned for the Festive Season. Thanks to our Parent Council, we have a brilliant Christmas Fair organised for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. There will be a wide range of craft stalls to get the Christmas shopping started, along with Home Baking, a Bottle Stall, a raffle with wonderful hamper gifts, tea, coffee, and maybe even a very special visitor...

Other activities to come over the next month or so include Christmas parties for each year group. Dates will be noted below. As with last year, we will be looking for parents to help support us with setting up and the food for the parties. Please look out for further information in the coming weeks.

We are super-excited to announce the arrival of 'The Broomlands Express' to school next month. Rehearsals are underway for what promises to be a terrific show. The show will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, with a matinee at 2pm and an evening performance at 6pm.

Our Christmas Service will also take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, at 10am in Kelso Old Parish Church, where all P6 and P7's will lead us. Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and 'Carols in the Playground' on the last Friday of term, the 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11.15am. Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December will be Christmas Jumper Day, with donations raising money for 'Save the Children UK'.

I hope to see you all over the coming weeks, but for those I don't catch, may I wish you, on behalf of the whole school, a healthy, happy and enjoyable festive season!

Mr Lindsay



- Please use the **Groupcall Xpressions 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.
- **Peanut allergy** – 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 by each kilogram received; money which we use to improve resources for the children.
- **Parent Council** – Our recent 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**

This year we are again mindful of attendance and have been delighted by the positive start to the year. Thank you. 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 groupcall 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 class teacher 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 P1-3 children.

WE URGE ALL FAMILIES WHO ARE ENTITLED TO DO SO TO REGISTER FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS AS THIS OPENS UP OTHER SUPPORTS THAT YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO AND BRINGS ADDITIONAL FUNDING INTO THE SCHOOL.

[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20040/clothing\\_meals\\_and\\_transport/480/free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_help\\_with\\_schoolwear](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](http://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 are not able to 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 order weekly can we please ask that you do it at the weekend in order to save admin time on a Monday morning. That would be greatly appreciated.

### **Holidays**

A copy of school holidays for the coming year are to be found below. They are also available on the SBC website at [School term dates for 2024-25 | Term, holiday and closure dates | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Dates for the Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Details</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	School P1 and ELC enrolment week.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	P5 Christmas Party
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 Christmas Party
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	P4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 Christmas Party
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	P3 Christmas Party
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	ELC Christmas movie for parents
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	ELC Christmas Party
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	P2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	The Broomlands Express dress rehearsal for whole school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service, Kelso Old Parish, 10am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	The Broomlands Express matinee performance, 2pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	The Broomlands Express evening performance, 6pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols in the Playground, 11.15am