

# Broomlands Primary School



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## May News

Welcome to the May Newsletter,

It's hard to believe the school year is coming towards an end in just a few weeks time. I'm sure thoughts are turning towards next session and wanted to keep you up to date with the current situation for classes. Whilst nothing is set in stone, we currently have the numbers to run at 9 classes next year, meaning a number of composite classes will be required. As it stands, our classes for next session will be: P1, P1/2, P2/3, P3, P4, P4/5, P5/6, P6/7 & P7. Further details on which class your child will be in next session will be provided nearer the end of term when we have specific details of numbers.

On behalf of Broomlands Primary School I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Jambor from Cheeky Panda's Soft Play, for their very generous sponsorship which has been used to purchase tops to be used by pupils at sporting events. The children are delighted with these and we look forward to seeing them wearing them in the various sporting events during the rest of the summer term.

P7 had a very successful residential experience at the start of the month. They had the opportunity to mix with and get to know children from all our partner schools in Cheviot, having a hugely enjoyable (and tiring!) time at Kingswood. We were delighted to be able to offer a residential experience once again, and it was heartening to see so many children pushing their boundaries, growing in confidence and conquering their fears. They were a credit to the school and behaved very well. The group leader noted that some of our children were the best he'd ever worked with on the obstacle challenge. Well done to them all!



*P7's facing the mighty abseil wall!*

Kind regards,  
Mr Lindsay

## **Parking**

Huge thanks to those parents who park responsibly (we know it's not always easy or convenient), avoiding the turning circle at the end of the day, and being prepared to park and walk a short distance in order to keep our children safe at 3.30. As previously mentioned, we have had a number of 'near-misses' with people picking up from the turning circle recently, including cars mounting the grass and driving over this area to pass people who are parked and blocking the turning circle. As a result of this, we again ask that the turning circle be used for morning drop-off, but not be used as a waiting zone at the end of the day.

**Please do not park in the turning circle at the end of the day.**

Our colleagues in the Police will be monitoring this to help ensure we keep our children safe and well.

## **Queen's Jubilee Event**

Kelso Community Council has organised a fabulous weekend of events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, in Kelso on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June 2022. One of the key events on Saturday 4th will be a parade and shortened version of the reenactment of the Queen's Coronation ceremony which involves children from the town's Guides, Scouts, Cubs, and local schools. The reenactment ceremony will also be orated by 'the voice of the Tattoo' Mr. Alasdair Hutton! Watch out for some of the Broomland's school pupils and Guides/Scouts in the reenactment: Susannah Ayling as Queen Elizabeth, Paige Nairn as a Lady in Waiting, Ben Redpath as the Archbishop of Canterbury, Murray Banks as the Dean of Westminster, and Mac Banks as the Duke of Edinburgh who will all be dressed up in their costume regalia. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime event, particularly for those who missed it in 1952! There will be many other fun family events taking place that weekend of which more details can be found on the Events page of [www.visitkelso.com](http://www.visitkelso.com) and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Kelsocommunitycouncil> and various other means.

Broomlands will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee in school with a range of events and a special lunch. More information to follow.

## **Free School Meals and Clothing**

All children in P5 are now entitled to receive a free school meal automatically during term time from January 2022. Plans are in place to make free school meals available to all P6-P7 pupils from August 2022.

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/fsm>

We urge all families who are entitled to register for free school meals as this opens up other support that you may be entitled to. Registration will be open from early-July.

[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).

## **Telephone calls from school**

The telephone lines at the school have been updated and the caller ID will now be 01835 824000 rather than number withheld.

## **Groupcall Xpressions App**

If you haven't already signed up to the Groupcall Xpressions app we recommend that you do it now. The Groupcall Xpressions app allows you to contact the school at a time that suits you and you will always get a reply so that you know your message has been received. This is particularly handy first thing in the morning as there isn't always a member of staff in the office. You can also access Parentpay, Parents' Evening Booking System, Facebook, Border Embroideries and other links that are used frequently at a touch of a button. Follow the information below to start using the app.

## **Holidays**

A copy of school holidays for the coming year are to be found below. They are also available on the SBC website at

[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20009/schools\\_and\\_learning/621/term\\_holiday\\_and\\_closure\\_dates/2](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20009/schools_and_learning/621/term_holiday_and_closure_dates/2)

### School term dates for 2021-2022

#### Summer term

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Casual holiday for Kelso cluster
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 – Platinum Jubilee holiday
- Thursday 30 June 2022 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

#### Forthcoming events – more information to follow

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| 13 <sup>th</sup> May  | Morton Trophy at Broomlands PS starting at 9.30am                            |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> May  | P5 Countryside Day   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May  | P6 Tweedstart – information to follow  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May  | P6 SBC STEM day – information to follow                                      |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May  | ELC5 parent telephone consultations  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May  | ELC5 to P7 parent telephone consultations                                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June  | P1 to P7 parent telephone consultations                                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> June  | P1 to P7 parent telephone consultations                                      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June  | Sports Day including nursery pupils (13 <sup>th</sup> June backup date) – am |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June  | Digital Skills Café event for parents – 6.30-8 pm in school                  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> June  | New P1's event   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June | Parent Council Summer Fair 6-8pm   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> June | New ELC's event  |
| 21,22,23 June         | P7 Transition to Kelso High School   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> June | Move up day including new P1's   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> June | Leavers Assembly/End of Term Celebration - pm                                |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> June | Broomlands Got Talent  |

# Groupcall Xpressions App

## View your child's information on your mobile phone!

An exciting new service is now available for parents to ensure communication between the school and yourselves is easier and more effective. **Groupcall Xpressions** is a service created by the award-winning school communication company Groupcall Limited.

The app is completely free of charge to you and can be installed on your mobile phone or tablet. It currently supports both Apple iOS and Android devices and you'll be able to see information for your children. You can also login on a web browser at <https://xpressions.groupcall.com>

If you have children in different schools and those schools also use **Groupcall Xpressions**, you will be able to view information on multiple children within the same app.

### What do I need to do now?

Please ensure we have your correct mobile number and email address on our school database to ensure you can use the new app as soon as it is available. Forms are available from the school office to check and update your details or simply email them to the school. You'll need to make sure you keep these details up to date in future to maintain access to the service.

### What happens next?

Groupcall have to set up the system in school. Once that is complete you can install the app and login in order to get access to your child's information.

Once installed and set up you will be able to see some or all of the following information depending on the school's system:

- Free messages sent by the school delivered directly to the app
- Updates regarding selected partner systems, used by the school such as homework, lunch topups and survey systems
- Attendance records and absences\*
- Marks and grades\*
- Achievement records\*
- Behaviour events\*
- Timetable\*
- School calendar\*
- Exams Timetable\*



\*Enhanced Service

Groupcall provide a dedicated support website for parents to also help you get up and running with Xpressions, or answer any common questions parents have on using the app:

<http://parents.groupcall.com>