

Broomlands Primary School



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November/December News

Well, it's nearly that special time of year and over the next few weeks the excitement levels will be going through the roof here in school! It's always such a pleasure to work in a primary school through the month of December, and we have lots planned to ensure the children enjoy the festive season.

We have some key dates for you to remember:

Thurs 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day – please send a small donation which will go towards 'Save the Children', ELC Christmas performance 9.30am
Mon 11th Dec – P7 Christmas party pm
Tues 12th Dec – P5 Christmas party pm
Wed 13th Dec – P6 Christmas party pm, P7 to Panto at KHS 2-3pm
Thurs 14th Dec – Church Service & Nativity, 10am, P3 Christmas Party pm
Fri 15th Dec – P2 Christmas party am
Mon 18th Dec – P1 Christmas party pm
Tues 19th Dec – P4 Christmas party pm
Wed 20th Dec – ELC Chr Christmas party am, Christmas Dinner day
Thurs 21st Dec – Carols on the Playground

We have been involved in a good number of sporting events recently. The new Kelso Primary Football League is up and running, with three Broomlands teams competing brilliantly, with the Jaguars team currently sitting joint top of the league. Our netball teams have also taken part in the Kelso/Jed tournament at Kelso High School recently. Both the A and B teams played well, worked really hard and behaved impeccably. Team 1 got through to the finals and defeated Edenside 1 to progress through to the Border finals in December. We wish them luck with this.

Kelso Music Society worked with us to give the Primary 4 year group the chance to listen to a performance, and have a workshop with professional musician Seonaid Aitken, and her band. They enjoyed some live jazz and had the chance to ask lots of great questions of the musicians.

The majority of drivers are paying attention to the new banner at the turning circle, so thank you for that. We ask again that drivers please, wherever possible, drive all the way round to the end of the turning circle to drop-off, allowing cars behind you to pull off the road, reducing risk to children crossing the road. This is a road safety issue that helps keep our children safe on their walk to school.

As we approach the festive season, I hope to see as many of you as possible in the coming weeks, but if I don't get the chance to see you can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for the school and wish you all a very enjoyable (and restful!) Christmas season when it finally comes!

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** – 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.
- **Crossing Patrol** – we will no longer have Suzanne Gillie manning a lunchtime crossing patrol, so please bear this in mind in respect of home lunches. Also, please remind your children of the importance of using the crossing patrol to safely make their way to school – we have had a number of reports of children running across the road in locations that are unsafe. We will remind the children in school too.

Staffing

We have a few staffing changes in the coming weeks. We will shortly welcome Mrs Turnbull back from maternity leave, meaning a few changes.

These changes are:

Primary 1/2 – Mrs Turnbull will return to teach on a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Mrs Brown will teach on Thursday & Friday.

Primary 2 – Mrs Liddle will teach Monday, Tuesday, and alternate Fridays. Mrs MacLean will continue to teach Wednesday, Thursday, and alternate Fridays.

Primary 3 – Miss Bays will take over from Mrs Gibson on a Thursday morning.

Primary 3/4 – Mrs Brown will teach on Monday; Mrs Davenport will continue to teach Tuesday to Friday.

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

Uniform can be ordered from www.border-embroideries.co.uk.

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

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20009/schools_and_learning/621/term_holiday_and_closure_dates/2

Dates for the Diary

St Andrews Day/November Holiday – Monday 27th November & Tuesday 28th November, returning Wednesday 29th November.

Thursday 21 December 2023 - last day of term for pupils and staff

Christmas holidays

Friday 22 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024

Winter/Spring term

Monday 8 January 2024 - Term starts, all resume

Mid-term holiday

Closed Monday 12 to Friday 16 February 2024, mid-term break

Monday 19 February 2024 – staff resume, in service day

Thursday 28 March 2024 - last day of term

Easter holiday

Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024

Summer term

Monday 15 April 2024 - all resume

Monday 6 May 2024 - May Day holiday

Tuesday 7 May 2024 - staff resume, in service day

Wednesday 8 May 2024 - pupils resume

Friday 28 June 2024 - last day of term