

Broomlands Primary School – Christmas Newsletter

As we reach the final couple of festive weeks of term, the whole team at Broomlands would like to thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. The children have been full of sparkle, song, and seasonal excitement. We just wanted to remind you of some important dates and joyful moments coming up.

Carols on the Playground - Last Day of Term, 11am

We warmly invite all families to join us for *Carols on the Playground* at 11am on the last day of term. This is always a highlight of our calendar, and the children can't wait to share their Christmas cheer with you. Parent Council will have stall to visit before and after this event.

Christmas Church Service - Thursday 18th, 10am at Kelso North Parish Church

Our annual Christmas service will take place at Kelso North Church at 10am on Thursday 18th. Families are very welcome to attend as we reflect, sing, and celebrate together. It will be led by P1 and P7 together.

Christmas Parties

Some classes have already had their parties and have been enjoying them very much - full of dancing, games, and plenty of smiles. Thank you for helping children come dressed for fun and ready to celebrate!

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 17th

We're looking forward to sitting down together for our whole-school Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 17th. It's always a wonderful moment of togetherness and festive spirit.

As we head towards the holidays, we would like to wish all our families a happy, healthy Christmas. Enjoy the break, treasure the time together, and please keep safe over the festive season.

With warmest wishes,
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.
- **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 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 P1-5 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
Tuesday 9 th December (am)	ELC Christmas Party - Parents welcome from 10.30
Tuesday 9 th December (pm)	P2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 10 th December	P4 Christmas Party
Thursday 11 th December	P3 Christmas Party
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Donations to ‘Save the Children’.
Monday 15 th December	P7 Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 th December (am)	House Sing Off event
Tuesday 16 th December (pm)	P5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th December	Viewing of ELC Christmas Carols, 10am
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Service, Kelso North at 10am – led by P1 & P7.
Friday 19 th December	Carols on the Playground, 11.15am & Broomlands Festive Farewell (Parent Council)
Friday 19 th December	Break for Christmas holidays