



Brough Primary School

Newsletter – November 2021

Welcome to our November newsletter. We do hope that you all had a lovely half term break.

As we start the second half of the Autumn term, I would like to thank you all for your support since we returned after the Summer break. We had a wonderful first half to the term which culminated in the Y3/4 Diwali performances. I am sure that those of you who attended one of the three performances will agree that these were superb. The children looked and sounded amazing and we were so proud of each and every one of them.

I have included some information that may be of interest to you within the newsletter but please do get in touch if you have any specific questions that aren't addressed.

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding our first Parents' Evenings of the year in November, over two weeks.

As you will know, these are being held 'remotely' again this term, using School Cloud. Details were sent via Parentmail about how to book your appointment. Please get in touch with the school office if you are having any difficulties booking or haven't managed to book an appointment. Booking has now closed via the online system.

We hope that you will find these meetings useful and informative. As ever, if there are any other issues you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Events in school

We have added a few events to our calendar for the coming weeks.

Monday 15th November: Odd Socks Day. This is a national event organised by the anti-bullying alliance and is aimed at celebrating what makes us all unique.

There is no donation requested for this event, the children can just wear odd socks to celebrate their own uniqueness.

Friday 19th November: Children in Need. As I am sure you are aware, we are currently selling Children in Need merchandise through our school council. On Friday 19th November, the children can come to school in non-uniform (for a £1 donation to Children in Need).

Friday 3rd December: Wear Green for Eco-Club. Our school Eco-Club are very keen to make a difference and have asked that everyone comes to school wearing green for the day on Friday 3rd December (£1 donation). They have urged that no-one buys anything specifically for this day and that it doesn't matter how much green is worn – a hair bobble is enough. They have also said that our school uniform is green so everyone should have something they can wear.

I have included their letter below.

Dear parents, carers and children,

We had the idea of dressing up in green for a day to raise money for planting more plants and to fix our wildlife garden by picking up plastic and creating safe homes for wildlife. This is trying to help the environment so if you don't have any green clothes don't worry, you could even wear our school jumper as that is green or you could just wear green socks or green shoes if you don't have any green clothes.

Many thanks, Eco Club

We do appreciate that there are a number of events in quick succession and that we are asking for a number of donations. Please only contribute what you are able to – the important thing is to raise awareness and we want all of the children to be able to join in.

FOBS Events

An enormous thank you and 'well done' to FOBS who raised a staggering £1445.18 at the recent Halloween Disco. This is a huge amount of money and will go a long way to supporting us with purchasing new iPads for use by the children. These should be arriving any day soon and we are very excited to get them into the classrooms.

If you are interested in joining FOBS please get in touch with us. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 16th November at 6:30pm at school.

Christmas Wreath making: Wednesday 24th November at school (further details to follow).

Jolly Jumper Day (£1 per child to raise money for Save the Children): Friday 10th December.

Dinner Money and School Meals

As you know, we are very lucky to have our own canteen and kitchens with school meals prepared onsite. The Local Authority reviews the cost of a school meal each year and gives schools a recommended price to charge for a school meal. The current recommended cost of a school meal is £2.45.

We currently charge £2.30 per meal for all children from Y3 to Y6 and I am pleased to tell you that we will continue to charge £2.30 with no increased cost to parents.

Please note that all children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are eligible for a free school meal as part of the government's universal infant free school meal initiative. Pupils in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 are charged £2.30 per meal.

Thank you for your feedback regarding school meals. This has been shared with the governors and discussed at recent meetings. Our next steps are to look at what suggestions we can put into place and work with our cook and kitchen staff on some of the suggestions made.

Parents' Forum

A big thank you to the parents who put themselves forward to join our new parents' forum. We had our initial meeting before the half term break and we discussed a number of aspects of school life. I certainly found it a very useful meeting and there

were a number of points that we have taken from it and are working on developing in school.

One of the discussion points raised was around homework and how this is organised across the school. This is something that we will be looking at in more detail at the next meeting and we will feedback to all parents with further information in future newsletters.

Website

We are currently working on our school website to make sure that it gives parents information about the school and is the 'go to' place for information related to the school.

Please make sure you check our website, we are improving this regularly and adding new information.

<https://www.broughprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Covid-19

As you will know, we are continually monitoring the situation with Covid-19 in our school and locally/nationally. As you will also know, we are sending letters to parents/carers if there is a confirmed case in their child's group/class. This is in the interests of transparency and to urge parents to have their child(ren) tested if they were a potential close contact of someone who has tested positive.

Alongside this we have in-school measures which are put into place based on cases in the school. There are a number of measures that we can take to reduce any potential spread in school and our procedures are reviewed regularly. Through discussions in school and with the LA, decisions will be made about any 'stepping up' of in-school procedures.

Just a reminder that if your child has any of the three main Covid-19 symptoms, they should not attend school and should have a PCR test.

The three main symptoms, as indicated by the NHS are:

- ***a high temperature*** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- ***a new, continuous cough*** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you

usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

- ***a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste*** – *this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

What will happen if my child presents with symptoms while at school and/or tests positive for Covid-19?

If your child presents with any of the above symptoms they will be removed from the classroom and moved to our designated area with an adult – this will be someone known to them. You will be contacted and asked to come and collect them and to arrange for them to have a PCR test. They should isolate until the result is obtained.

Changes to the guidance from August 16th mean that close contacts do not need to self-isolate after contact with someone who has tested positive if any of the following criteria apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

The guidance to schools states the following:

Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the school, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.

To support us, we ask that parents keep us fully informed of any symptoms or positive tests. Recently guidance has changed to suggest that primary aged pupils can be tested using an LFD test under parental supervision. Any positive LFD or PCR test result should be reported to the school.

Please report these via telephone (between 8:30am and 4:30pm) or via email if outside of these hours.

brough.primary@eastriding.gov.uk or hshepherdson@broughprimaryschool.co.uk

If your child has any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not send them to school. Instead please arrange a PCR test and isolate until a result is known.

Parking

Please can I remind parents to be considerate of local residents when dropping children off in the morning or collecting them after school. Please don't park across the driveways of residents or block roads making them inaccessible to emergency vehicles. We appreciate your support with this.

Dates for your diary

We have attached an updated list of diary dates for you. Please note that each time this is sent out, new items will be added in red.

Thank you for your continued support, please do get in touch if you have any questions or would like to raise anything with us.

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Dates for your diary

November	<p>Monday 1st November: Back to school</p> <p>w/c 8th: Parents' Evening</p> <p>w/c 15th: Parents' Evening</p> <p>Monday 15th: Odd Socks Day (wear odd socks to support Anti-bullying week – no donation requested)</p> <p>Tuesday 16th: Y3/4 dodgeball (SHS)</p> <p>Tuesday 16th: FOBS meeting at school 6:30pm – all welcome</p> <p>Friday 19th: Children in Need (non-uniform day for £1 donation)</p> <p>Monday 22nd: Flu vaccinations</p> <p>Tuesday 23rd: Y5/6 dodgeball (SHS)</p> <p>Wednesday 24th: FOBS Wreath Making Workshop</p>
December	<p>Wednesday 1st: EYFS Christmas performance to parents (2pm)</p> <p>Thursday 2nd: EYFS Christmas performance to parents (2pm)</p> <p>Friday 3rd: Wear green (Eco Club have asked for everyone to wear green for a £1 donation to support Eco Club)</p> <p>Monday 6th: Y1/2 Christmas performance to parents (2pm)</p> <p>Tuesday 7th: Y1/2 Christmas performance to parents (2pm)</p> <p>Wednesday 8th: Y1/2 Christmas performance to parents (2pm)</p> <p>Friday 10th: Jolly Jumper Day (£1 donation to Save the Children)</p> <p>Monday 13th: Y3/4 Christingle Service (pm – time TBC)</p> <p>Tuesday 14th: Y5/6 hockey (SHS)</p> <p>Thursday 16th: Y3/4 Christingle Service (pm – time TBC)</p> <p>Friday 17th: Break up for Christmas</p>

May	<p>Throughout May: KS1 assessments</p> <p>w/c 9th: KS2 SATs testing</p> <p>27th: Break up for half term</p>
June	<p>Monday 6th: Back to school</p> <p>6th- 10th: Y1 Phonics Screening Check</p> <p>6th – 24th: Y4 multiplication tables check (to be taken within the three weeks)</p> <p>Friday 17th – Sunday 19th: Y6 residential visit to High Adventure</p>
July	<p>w/c 4th: Reports out to parents</p> <p>Friday 22nd: Break up for the Summer</p>

January	<p>Wednesday 5th: Children return to school</p>
February	<p>Thursday 17th: Break up for half term</p> <p>Monday 28th: Back to school</p>
March	
April	<p>Thursday 7th: Break up for Easter</p> <p>Monday 25th: Back to school</p> <p>Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th: Y5 residential visit to Cloughton</p>