



Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
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Our overall attendance this week was

92.1%



Well done everyone on a good attendance figure

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

I hope you have been enjoying the sunshine this week. It is lovely for it to finally feel like Spring. We have only got two weeks left before a well-deserved two week holiday, hopefully the sun will come out and we will be able to enjoy some more time outdoors!

We are so grateful for your generosity and support for the Ukraine Disaster Collection fund. We received such a huge donation of cakes which have been enjoyed by all the children and staff. We hope you managed to grab one at the end of the school day. Today we have focused on 'kindness' and how we all hold the power to make a positive difference for others. The children will all be arriving home this evening with a kindness stone they have decorated themselves. We have encouraged the children to hide the stone over the weekend in hope that someone will spot it and make them smile.

Along with many schools across the U.K we celebrated 'World's Maths Day' on Wednesday. All the classes enjoyed a morning of completing some investigations into endangered animals. From a polar bear investigation in Class 2 to elephants in class 3, the children were buzzing with information and keen to discuss all the exciting findings from their investigations. Please ask your child about what animal they were investigating and what facts they found out!

The closing date for the Parent Governor Election is today but you still have time to send in your application if you are interested in becoming a governor. Being a governor can be very rewarding, do not worry if you have

no experience in education matters as full training and support are available. Becoming a Parent Governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of our school. Governors play a key role in the leadership of the school and work together with the Head Teacher, staff and other governors to ensure that our school provides a challenging and supportive environment for its pupils. If you are interested please complete the nomination form which was sent to parents via ParentMail last week.

We hope all our Mums received their special gift today and we send 'Happy Mother's Day' wishes to all our families!

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:



- **Nursery Bucket Filler** - Ellie Smith for being a kind friend.
- **Reception** - Isabella Hewson for marvellous effort with letter formation this week.
- **Class 2** - Ben Clarke for super effort with his amazing handwriting and presentation
- **Class 3** - Dylan Curry for going above and beyond in including others on kindness day

Mrs Robinson's Lunchtime Awards: Malorie King and Sonny Barker for always eating their lunches and having big smiles

Lucas Mackay-Hall for his lovely manners

Sophie Elliot for always thinking of others and being a credit to Whittonstall First School

SCHOOL UPDATES



UKRAINE KINDNESS FUNDRAISING DAY- THANK YOU:

Wow - thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes to our bake sale and for all the cash donations we received. So far we have raised £75 from non uniform day donations and that is before our cake sale this afternoon!

All the funds raised today will go to the DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - so thank you.

The school was decorated with lovely bright balloons when the children arrived this morning, which set a happy tone for the day!

The children have also spent the day thinking about kindness and how our kind acts can help others. Each child has decorated a pebble and added kind words. These will then be hidden around our communities for others to find in the hope that they will pass on the kind messages to others.





PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS:

The closing date for the Parent Governor Election is today but you still have time to send in your application if you are interested in becoming a governor. A copy of the letter and nomination form can be found on the school website homepage.

The period of office for service is 4 years and anyone wishing to apply must have a child in school. Governors meetings are usually held half termly and last for approximately 2 hours. There may also be additional committee meetings for areas such as property or financial decisions etc.

We will be in touch next week with more information about what happens next..



CLASS 1 WELLY WALK: Thank you so much to the Class 1 parents and friends and family, for their kind and generous sponsorship of their children for our 'Welly Walk' on Wednesday. We managed to raise over £200! Thanks to the amazing offer from Logan's Dad to build the rack at cost, we have money left over for additional outdoor equipment for the setting. The kindness of Martin King and his company KTD NE LTD is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU!: We would also like to send a big thank you to Mr Stokoe, another one of our parents, who has helped us out this week by taking away a lot of rubbish and unused items for us this week. Our parents really are leading by example on kindness day!



COMIC RELIEF - RED NOSE DAY:

Thank you to everyone who bought a red nose or made a donation last week for our Red Nose Day fundraiser. We made a brilliant £166.35

KIDS FIRST REMINDERS: Mrs Ridley would like to remind parents that if their child requires breakfast on a morning, they need to arrive by ten past 8 at the latest please. Breakfast is cleared away and the children go outside for some fresh air, weather allowing, by 8.30 am. Also, a reminder that there is no after school session on a Friday afternoon.



NEURODIVERSITY WEEK:

Throughout the week, the children have been thinking about kindness to others and how we can celebrate our differences as well as our similarities. This morning, we had a whole school assembly on the theme of diversity and how these add value and richness to our school community. Each class has also looked at the theme throughout the week including reading stories and discussing how we can celebrate all our talents and special qualities.

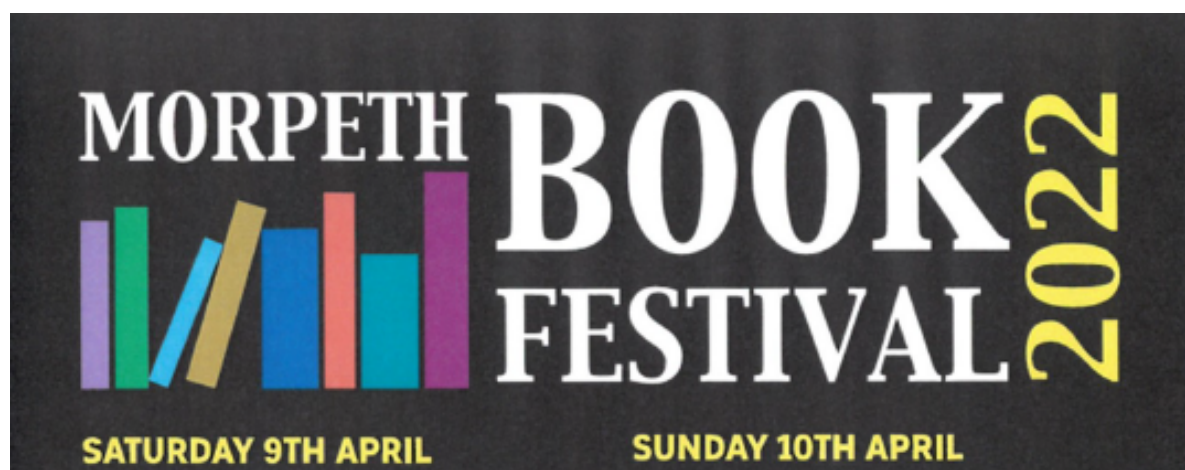
We would also like to let you know about a support group for autistic children which may be of interest to some of our parents. For more information follow please email the address below:



E-SAFETY INFORMATION: Mr Moore, the IT Co-Ordinator for our schools will be sharing a different website each week with e safety information for parents. This week's e-safety information is all about watching videos on line and what parents need to know:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-watching-videos-online/>

THINGS TO DO:



11am to Noon	A Conversation with Ann Cleeves Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £10*	11.15am to Noon	Adventure Babies with Ashleigh Dale Morpeth Library —tickets £5* (Session 2 starts at 1pm—1.45)
1pm to 2.30pm	Memoirs With Bridget Gubbins, Barbara Fox, Miles Hewitt, Scott Weightman Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £10*	1pm to 3pm	RNIB & Borrow Box Morpeth Library —Free Drop In
3.30pm to 4.30pm	Murder & Mayhem Helen Bridgett, Trevor Wood, Fiona Erskine, Robert Scragg Fiona Veitch Smith, Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £10*	2.30pm to 3.30pm	The Adventures of Pennie With Penny Claire McAndrews Morpeth Library —Free
7pm to 9pm	An Evening with Mari Hannah Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £10* Postcards From Space with Miles Hudson	Noon to 1pm	Biography With Greg Christie Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £10*
2pm to 3.20pm	Session 1 Our Solar System/(Building telescopes)	1.30pm to 2.30pm	Historical Fiction With Alan Wilkinson Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £10*
2.40pm to 5pm	Session 2 : Deep Space (looking for aliens) Morpeth Library — Tickets £5*	3pm to 4pm	A Conversation with Glenda Young Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £10*
12 Noon	Poetry Afternoon With Catherine Ayres, Eileen Beers (12.20 pm), Roy Heath (12.40pm) Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £5*	2.30pm to 6.30pm	Dystopian Fiction With Chuck Hogan (recorded interview Mark Iveson, Amy Lord & Sarah Elliott) Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £10*
1.45pm	Barbara Pringle Ellen Pethean (2.05pm) Catherine Graham (2.30pm) Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £5*	12 Noon	Poetry Afternoon With Pippa Lee, Gene Groves (12.30pm) Jean Laurie (2pm) Verna Gorman (2.20pm) Jan Clark (2.40pm) Roy Heath (3pm) David Roe (3.20) Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £5*
3.20pm	Elaine Cusack, David Roe, (3.40pm) Harry Gallagher (4pm) Jan Clark (4.25pm) Pleased to Meet You — Tickets £5*		

Tickets Available Now From www.gmdtevents.eventbrite.co.uk * excludes booking fee

Sponsors



Churches Together in Stocksfield and Mickley are co-ordinating an

APPEAL FOR THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Let us unite as a Community to raise
urgent cash funds on

SATURDAY 26th MARCH 10am- 1pm
Stocksfield Community Centre

REFRESHMENTS

GRAND RAFFLE *(including generous prizes from local businesses)*

CAKE STALL TOMBOLA *plus other attractions*

***Donations in advance from individual residents or businesses,
for any of the above stalls would be hugely appreciated.***

Please contact : Anne Davison , Mobile: **07754156099** or
Beth Gascoigne, SICA Manager, on **stocksfieldca@gmail.com**

DIARY DATES

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| • <u>Tuesday 29th March</u> | Author Jenny Pearson to visit Years 3 & 4 |
| • <u>Friday 8th April</u> | School closes for Easter holidays |
| • <u>Monday 25th April</u> | School reopens for Summer term 1 |
| • <u>Friday 27th May</u> | School closes for Summer half term |
| • <u>Monday 6th June</u> | School reopens for Summer term 2 |
| • <u>Tuesday 7th June</u> | Whole Class Photographs - Debbie Young Photography |
| • <u>Thursday 21 July</u> | School Closes for Summer holidays |
| • <u>Friday 22nd July</u> | Additional holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee |
| • <u>Tuesday 6th September</u> | School Reopens for new school year |

On behalf of staff and governors may I wish you all a lovely weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher