

News

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We will have another Newsletter in December but in the interim there are a few extra pieces of information to share with you so we hope you enjoy reading this Extra Edition to November's Newsletter.

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Rebecca Mutch was appointed as Depute Head Teacher (2 days) last week, this means that Mrs Mutch along with her existing 3 days, will now have a full time Depute remit, taking over from Mrs Williamson. Mrs Mutch will continue to have responsibility for management of Nursery and P1-3.

Earlier this week we appointed Mrs Verity Sealy to a part-time teaching post. Mrs Sealy will job-share with Mrs Gardner in P5 (Rm 15) from January.

Miss Chloe McGregor will join us in January to teach in P4 (Rm 18) and Mrs Claire Wallace will also start in January in P6 (Rm 19).

All of our new teachers are hoping to come and visit the classes prior to the Christmas holidays, if they can be released from their existing positions. I'm sure you will join with me in welcoming them into our Broomhill team.

Christmas Fair

We'd like to thank everyone for the many donations to our Christmas Fair Stalls. The Fair will run on Saturday 1st December from 12pm—2pm. Thank you to all the parents, carers and helpers who have given up their time to make this a continued success.

Mrs Angus will also be at the Fair on Saturday to run the Uniform Recycle stall, so if you would like to donate or give some nearly-new uniform a home, please come along.

Adverse Weather Arrangments



You will find details of updated arrangements and procedures for our school in the event of Adverse Weather, later in this newsletter. Please keep this information to hand over the next few months.

Thank you.

Mrs D Reid (Head Teacher)



Cashless Catering System

All parents of pupils in P4-7 should now have received information about the new Cashless Catering System. This would have been sent directly to your home through the post. **This starts on Monday 3rd Dec.**

Parents/carers of pupils who pay for school meals should ensure that the account is topped up to enable meals to be paid for electronically in school. Each individual pupil's card will be kept in school, due to organisational issues.

If you know your child is going to be absent in the morning for an appointment, or if they are going to be late for school (after 9.10am) it would really help us if, when you call the school to inform us of the absence or late arrival that you also let us know what your child would like to have for lunch. This will ensure that an order is placed for your child, and they have something they enjoy. There will be additional meals provided to allow for error margins, however we may not be able to guarantee that any child can have their choice of meal if this is not ordered in the morning before 9.10am.

New Menus for this term have been sent home with the oldest pupils in each family and the menu is also available on the ACC website

https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/view-school-meals-menu

The new system allows pupils to order their meal for the day when they come into the classroom first thing in the morning. It would help us a great deal as we make the transition to the new system, if parents/carers would take some time to look at the school menu with pupils in order to help them to decide what they would like for lunch.

Thank you.

<u>Christmas Jumper Day (Reminder)</u> <u>Friday 14th December</u>

Make the world better with a sweater on Friday 14th December and come to school dressed in your Christmas Jumper. Why not be creative and design or decorate an old jumper, no need to buy an expensive one.

We will be accepting small donations for Save the Children on this day.



Sparkle and Shine Time

This was a tremendous success again this year. Thank you to everyone for coming along and joining in with the gluing, sticking, glittering and shining! We know that you all enjoyed it as you gave us such amazing feedback.

Thank you!

Important—Adverse Weather Arrangements

Adverse Weather Information arrangements 2018-19

In the event of adverse weather impacting on the running or opening of our school, the Head Teacher or Depute Head Teachers will post information through the following media sources, in the following order:

1. School Information Line

Parents/carers can access any severe weather message in the following way:

Telephone: 0870 0541999

Enter Pin Number: 011200

Press "1" to hear if there is a Severe Weather Message

2. Twitter

School closure alerts will also be available on twitter @SchoolBroomhill

And @aberdeenCC

3. Aberdeen City Council Website

Information regarding any closure/partial closure will be available at:

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/closures

4. Radio

Information will also be updated via Northsound Radio (96.9FM)

5. **Groupcall**

Information will only be sent via Groupcall if this system can be accessed by school staff in school or remotely.

We ask that parents do not call the school directly, but use the media sources above to gain information, avoiding tying up our phone lines.

Late Opening

It is anticipated that in most circumstances it should be possible for school to remain open during adverse weather conditions. However sometimes a later school opening is an effective way to ensure our service can operate rather than closing altogether. We have a number of staff living in outlying areas and in order to allow our staff to reach school safely in the event of adverse weather the decision may be made to open the school slightly later eg 9.30am or 10am. This will be communicated to parents in the same manner.

A member of the School Management Team will also liaise with Great Western After School Care Club who run our breakfast club. The club have their own procedures for adverse weather which parents will be aware of.



Our pupils will be Carol Singing in the Care Homes in our community throughout December. We've added some additional dates below:

| Dates for your diary | |
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| Saturday 1st December | PTA Christmas Fair |
| Monday 3rd December | Cashless Catering goes live (further information to follow) P6 classes attending "Bubblegum n fluff" event at South Holburn Church: 9.30am—lunch. |
| Thursday 6th December | P2 Christmas Performance: 9.30am P3 Christmas Performance: 2pm |
| Friday 7th December | P3 Christmas Performance: 9.30am P2 Christmas Performance: 2pm |
| Sunday 9th December | P5 and P7 performing at the Evening Express Carol Concert—Music Hall. |
| Monday 10th December | Rm 22 visiting Care Home—Carol Singing: 2pm |
| Tuesday 11th December | Torchlight Service at South Holburn Church. 6.30pm |
| Wednesday 12th December | P1 Christmas Performance: 9.30am School Christmas Lunch Rm 18 visiting Care Home—Carol Singing: 2pm Rm 8 visiting Care Home—Carol Singing 2pm |
| Thursday 13th December | SSPCA Assemblies |
| Thursday 13th December | P1 Christmas Performance: 2pm Rm 16 visiting Care Home—Carol Singing: 2pm Rm 22 visiting Care Home—Carol Singing: 2pm Rm 12 visiting Care Home—Carol Singing: 2pm |
| Friday 14th December | Christmas Jumper Day Global Goals Exhibition |
| Monday 17th December | P6 and P7 Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 18th December | P3/4, P4 and P5 Christmas Party Rm 21 visiting Care Home—Carol Singing; 2pm |
| Wednesday 19th December | P1, P2 and P3 Christmas Parties |
| Thursday 20th December | Nursery Christmas Parties |
| Thursday 20th December | 2.15pm: Whole School Christmas Singalong (Weather permitting in the playground) |
| Friday 21st December | Church Service at Holburn South (details to follow) School Term Ends |
| Monday 7th January 2019 | School Term Begins |

