Stoomhill Primary Schoo

November 2020 Newsletter

Poppy Appeal 2020

Our P7 House Captains will sell poppies in the school playground from 4-11 November. Donations of £1 are invited. With many older volunteers shielding due to Covid-19, fundraising by young people will be especially important this year.

We will mark Armistice Day with the observation of the two minute silence at 11am as a mark of respect. Pupils will learn about the history of the poppy, veterans' stories and real-life stories of inspirational doctors and nurses working within conflict from across history.

A special feature will be posted next week on our website about P7s involvement in the 2019 pilot of an important new curriculum initiative relating to South Asians in Scotland and their contribution to WW1 and WW2. The programme has now been incorporated into our senior pupils' learning about WW2.

WE REMEMBER

Broomhill's Got Talent

Friday 13 November 2020 Talent competition and Non-uniform day in aid of Children In Need

To raise funds for this excellent cause children and staff are invited to donate £1 and come to school wearing nonuniform or Pudsey inspired clothing on the day.

All children were invited to enter the talent competition by submitting a short film via Seesaw by 3 November. Each class will vote this week to elect their class finalist. Participants will be notified who the class winners are by Friday 6th November. The videos of class winners will then be viewed by the whole school on Children in Need/ Non-uniform Day and pupils will vote for a P1-3 and P4-7 overall winner. Pudsey will award the prizes to class winners.



We hope everyone enjoys the FUNdraising event!



Pupil Progress Reports & Parent Survey

As previously communicated, we are currently unable to hold parents' evenings in person, by phone or online due to government and local authority school guidance. Class teachers are therefore preparing interim reports outlining each child's progress in key areas of learning and development. We aim to send the reports home on 24 November. Parents/carers are invited to complete an online questionnaire to provide feedback on school recovery measures and an update on any relevant matters about their child. A link to the consultation has been emailed out to parents/carers and is available on the class blogs. The survey will close at 9pm on Monday 9 November.

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Festive Events Calendar

This month the P7 House Captains will consult with pupils and staff to gather views on how we can safely run some of our Christmas events amid Covid-19 restrictions. Check out the 'Upcoming Events' page on our website for updates to our Christmas events calendar.

Road Safety Week

16-22 November 2020

This national event is held annually in November to raise awareness of the steps that can be taken to improve road safety. During Road Safety Week teachers will incorporate road safety education into lessons. Our newly appointed P6 Junior Road Safety Officers will help promote road safety.

Adults are reminded to drive and park safely around our school. Do not instruct your child to enter or exit your car if it is double parked.

Peanut & Prawn Allergies

A reminder that children and adults are not permitted to bring nuts or prawns, or food containing nuts or prawns, to school. We have several pupils with allergies who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if he/she eats, or comes into contact with these foods.

Thank you for your cooperation.

'United Against Bullying'

Broomhill Primary will participate in the national anti-bullying programme which runs from 16-20 November. This year's theme is to unite against bullying and highlight ways of preventing and responding to bullying.

Our Equalities pupil committee will conduct a survey about bullying and involve classes in a review of our antibullying policy and practice.

The following websites offer advice for adults on addressing bullying behaviour. There is also practical advice for children on what to do if they are being bullied.

www.respectme.org.uk www.childline.org.uk www.childnet.org.uk www.ceop.gov.uk



Lost Property

We ask that everything a pupil brings to school is clearly marked with their name and class, including uniform, jacket, footwear, PE kit, lunch box and water bottle. Due to mounting lost property and limited space, unclaimed items are disposed of at the end of every month.

We will set a whole-school homework task for Friday 13 - Thursday 19 to remind families to label all personal belonging brought to school and for children to reclaim any lost items before heading home each day. Thank you for your anticipated support to reduce clothing and plastic wastage.

Book Week Scotland

Week beginning 16 - 22 November

During this national event to promote the value of reading, our P1-3 pupils will each receive a free book bag from the Scottish Book Trust. More information will follow later in the month about an opportunity for families to purchase books from the virtual Scholastics book fair.