

BROOMHAUGH CHURCH OF ENGLAND AIDED FIRST SCHOOL

Annual Parish Council Meeting 2021

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Below is the most recent school information for your information:

Current number on roll	70	% of SEND pupils (Special Education Need / disability)	12%
Age range of pupils	4-9	% of disadvantaged pupils	6%

Our annual report this year reports on a year like no other, but as Executive Headteacher of Broomhaugh and Corbridge First Schools I continue to be proud to work with a team of fully dedicated teachers and governors to ensure the best education and social experiences for our children, enabling them to flourish and be self-confident, proud members of their community. This has never been truer than over the past 18 months as we have engaged in a blend of in-school learning as well as remote and blended learning for our children and their families. We are dedicated and committed to seeing our school thrive.

We welcomed a more 'normal' Autumn term and both embraced and enjoyed having all children back in school where they belong. We were thrilled with how well our families had juggled their working commitments to continue to support us in providing an excellent, broad curriculum, even in challenging times. Unfortunately, another lockdown in January meant we had to go back to managing the various situations for key workers and families at home but again, we are so proud of staff, children and their families for all they have done. This time around we were able to be much more prepared and engagement levels were very high through our online Google Classroom provision.

Our staff team have been, and continue to be, fantastic and have continually adapted to the changing circumstances, as have we all and we are very proud of the provision our children have continued to receive. We truly hope that the rest of this academic year and beyond will continue to be stable, with school fully open allowing the children to flourish and take their place as the heart of the school.

We are currently in the process of consulting on making our soft federation arrangement of shared leadership formal, through forming a hard federation with Corbridge CofE First School. We have seen so many positive benefits in working together and know that this has enabled us to be stronger. We look forward to continuing this positive relationship moving forwards.

STAFFING UPDATES

In July 2020 we said goodbye and a big thank you to Mrs Amanda Yates from our teaching team. She served at Broomhaugh CE First School for 16 years and has touched the lives of many children and their families as a fantastic class teacher. She is especially remembered for her singing and acting and we thank her for the impact she had on many children and families during her time at BFS.

In September 2021 our lovely Mrs Reed will begin her maternity leave as her new baby is due early in autumn term. We wish her well and send our congratulations.

In September 2021 we will also be welcoming a new Executive Deputy Head Teacher who will be appointed in the coming weeks. Mrs Sarah Gray will be leaving us at the end of the summer term as she is moving to Dubai with her family to begin a new chapter of their lives. There is no question her skills and amazing presence will be a huge miss in school as she has been a driving force in so many accomplishments for our school over the last two years. We can not thank her enough for all she has done and will continue to achieve over this final summer we have together. We wish her all the best for her new adventure overseas.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

The Shared Leadership of Broomhaugh and Corbridge Church of England First Schools has now been in place for 2 years. Children from both schools continue to benefit through additional experiences and shared resources. This year has seen both schools invest in staff development through training staff as Forest School leaders and the organisation of character education through Commando Joe's. We have also implemented new English resources and planning support which re-focusses our teaching on the power and love of reading. All feedback so far is extremely positive and will have a direct, positive impact for all pupils. We are also thrilled that sports clubs have been able to start back up and to try and compensate a little for what our children have missed, we have provided the opportunity for every child

in school to access a free extra-curricular club. We continue to have specialist teaching through Sports specialists, music specialist, ICT technician support. We have also invested further in to our computing resources with the purchase of a half class set of laptops and iPads. The financial savings resulting from the shared leadership and joint procurement have also allowed us to focus the little money we have directly to areas which have clear benefit for our children. Staff continue to benefit from working together and sharing skills across the schools and staff professional development opportunities are enabling us to grow and flourish.

We strive every day to follow God's guidance on our journey of growth and dedication to being the best we can be.