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#### **Newsletter November 2025**

#### 7/11/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy first week back here at Bromesberrow! The children continue to make us proud with their enthusiasm, kindness, and fantastic learning across the school.

# PQ Y5/6 Football Competition

A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who represented Bromesberrow so brilliantly at the PQ Football Competition! The team played with great determination, skill, and sportsmanship throughout the day. They demonstrated real resilience and teamwork - a true asset to our school. Mrs Hankins and Miss Davies were incredibly proud of them all. Well done, team Bromesberrow!

## **Bromesberrow Curriculum Highlights**

It has been wonderful to see our new classrooms in full use and the children embracing their learning with such excitement and pride.

Class 1 have been settling beautifully into their new space, exploring all the provision areas and getting to know one another. They've been learning about the United Kingdom and the countries that make it up, and discussing what it means to be a good friend -such an important life skill.

Class 2 have absolutely loved learning the violin with Make Music Gloucestershire's fantastic music specialists. This opportunity is helping them develop musical confidence, rhythm, and teamwork. In science, they've been investigating tooth decay through an experiment - lots of excitement and discovery! They're also really enjoying their lovely new classroom, which gives them space and energy to learn and grow.

Class 3 have been captivated by their new English text, *Voices in the Park* by Anthony Browne. The beautiful illustrations have inspired rich discussions and wonderful writing, as pupils explore language, character, and perspective. In science, they've been investigating solubility, experimenting with different substances to see what dissolves -great fun and great thinking!

## **Anti-Bullying Week**

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and this year's theme is "Power of Good." Throughout the week, classes will be exploring how we can show kindness, empathy, and respect to everyone. We'll discuss what bullying is, how we can stand up for others, and what to do if we ever see or experience unkind behaviour. Together, we'll be reinforcing that kindness and respect are at the heart of Bromesberrow School. On Monday we invite children to wear odd socks to celebrate difference and diversity.

# Fireworks Night – This Saturday 8th November 4.30-7pm!

We can't wait for our Fireworks Display this Saturday evening! This is always a highlight of the school year and a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together. A huge thank you to our incredible PTA for all their hard work in organising this event. It's a massive undertaking that brings so much joy to our families and raises vital funds for our school. We really do appreciate their dedication and commitment!

## Remembrance

We will be observing a minute's silence on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> to remember in line with the country. Thank you to all those families who have supported in purchasing poppies this week.

#### **Christmas Performances**

Our **whole-school Christmas play** is fast approaching! As always, there will be both afternoon and evening performances to ensure everyone has a chance to attend. In recent years, we've sadly had instances where children with speaking roles have not attended the evening performance. This understandably has a big impact on the other children and the overall production.

Please do ensure your child is available for both performances, as each role is important to the success of the show. If absences continue, we may have to reconsider evening performances in future, which would be a real shame for everyone involved.

## Scholastic Book Fair Friday 14th November

There is a scholastic book fair in school next Friday. This is a cashless event. There is a QR code by which you can pay using your phones. We are hoping that we can get a few free books for school.

## Children in Need Friday 14th November

Children are invited to come dressed in spots for this and bring a £1. They can purchase Pudsey merchandise form next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Attendance Matters**

Good attendance is vital for every child's learning, confidence, and progress. The government's expectation for school attendance is 97%, but currently, our school's overall attendance is below 90%!

We know that our recent outbreak of chicken pox has had an impact, and we thank parents for keeping unwell children at home when necessary. However, we now need everyone's support in improving our attendance figures moving forward.

Every day counts - even missing one day a fortnight adds up to a whole month of missed learning over the school year. Please continue to support your child by:

- Ensuring they arrive at school on time every day.
- Booking appointments outside of school hours where possible.
- Booking holidays during holiday time. Holidays are not authorised during term time unless in truly exceptional circumstances.
- Letting us know if you need support with attendance we're here to help.

Together, we can make a difference.

## **Community Events**





## **Diary Dates**

## **November**

- · Saturday 8th November, 4.30-7pm Bromesberrow Fireworks event at Village Hall
- · Monday 10th November School Photographer and Odd Socks Day
- · Tuesday 11th November Yr 4 Viney Hill Trip
- · Wednesday 12th November Reading Event Class 1, 2.30pm
- · Friday 14th Scholastic Book Fair opens afterschool 3.15pm for parents.
- · Friday 14th November Children in Need
- Tuesday 18th November Parent Consultation

## December

- · Tuesday 9th December Christmas Performance 2pm in Village Hall
- · Wednesday 10th December Christmas Performance 6pm in Village Hall
- Tuesday 16th December Christmas Dinner
- · Friday 19th December Church service at 1.30pm
- · Friday 19th December Last day of term Pick up from church at 2pm

Kind Regards,

Laura Hankins