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| **Dear Parents,**  It has been a great few weeks with most of the children back in school. Everyone has been working hard and there is fantastic work going on in every class. School starts again for the children on Monday 12th April. In the meantime, have a lovely Easter! | |
| **Stars of the week/ term**  Congratulations to Olivia (Class 1), Grace and Aubrey (Class 2) for being Stars of the week and Leon B, Sam (Class 3) and Brooke (Class 4) who are Stars of the Term. Congratulations also to Olivia, Rowan and Caitlyn in Class 4 – who richly deserved a Headteacher’s Award this week. | **Sponsored Sports**  A very big thank you to all of you who supported our fundraising for Yemen- and a big thank you to Rowan, Caitlyn and Olivia for organising everything so efficiently. The final total looks as if it is going to be over **£350** which is absolutely amazing! The children have calculated that this could feed a child in Yemen for 30 weeks so it really is a significant amount. |
| **Parents’ evenings**  We hope to be able to run parent consultations next half term during the week of 17th May.  More information will follow about the format of these. | **Staffing next half term**  I am delighted to let you know that we can continue with our additional staffing for the summer term to support the recovery curriculum. Mrs Graham will be joined by Miss Harper who will teach Y2 on a Thursday and Friday; Mrs Houghton and Mrs Horn will teach Year 1 and Mrs Mahoney will be teaching Year 4 four mornings a week. |
| **Home testing**  All families, childcare or support bubbles of primary age children can now access home test kits.  **If your child has Covid symptoms you will need to book them a PCR test at a testing centre- the home testing kits are not suitable for primary pupils.**  **Please could you email** [**admin@newbrough.northumberland.sch.uk**](mailto:admin@newbrough.northumberland.sch.uk) **if you child develops symptoms and then has a positive test result during the first week of the holidays. Thank you.**  **Collect test kits**  You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.  Anyone 18 or over can collect.  Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.  [Find your nearest home test kit collection point](https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/).  **Order home test kits online**  If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.  Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.  [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)  **What twice-weekly testing involves**  You will be asked to:   * take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart) * report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test   [Report your test result online](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) or by calling 119. | |
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| **Wrap around care**  Breakfast and After school clubs are now running every day to support people who are working.  Please could we ask that you make your bookings by Friday of the previous week where possible?  We appreciate that there are sometimes last minute reasons for needing to use the clubs but we do need to be able to plan staffing for the different bubbles beforehand if at all possible.  Thank you. | |
| **Free School Meals**  If you think you may now be eligible for free school meals, please do apply as the school gains additional funding to support your child.  There is a link here to the free school meals application form: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx#freeschoolmeals>  There is further information on our website here:  https://www.newbrough.northumberland.sch.uk/website/school\_lunches\_milk\_and\_fruit/227366 | |
| **And finally:**  We continue to keep all of our Covid arrangements under review .  If you have any question or concerns, please do get in touch.  Jo Trotter (Headteacher) | |