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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter .  We are really missing all of the children in Class 1 at the moment and are looking forward to seeing them back in school on Wednesday 9th December. Mrs Stevens is busy putting lots of videos onto the school website to support the children with their learning while they are not in school- so please take a look.  A huge thank you again to all the parents for following all of the Government guidance.  I know that many of you are anxious that children may end up self-isolating over Christmas- and staff really don’t want to be self-isolating either after such a long term- so we all need to be following the guidance rigorously between now and the end of term. | |
| **Christmas dinner**  Our school Christmas dinner is next **Thursday, 10th December.** We will be serving the dinner in two sittings as usual so that our different bubbles do not mix.  Please could you let us know **by Monday** ( by email to [admin@newbrough.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newbrough.northumberland.sch.uk) or by phone)  if your child **DOES NOT** want a dinner on this day.  The children may wear a **Christmas jumper** for the dinner if they would like to. We are asking for a small donation (suggested £1) for the privilege. We are collecting money this year for Hexham food bank. | |
| **Christmas cards**  Please could the children bring in any Christmas cards they would like to give to others by **Friday 11th December**.There will be a box in each classroom for cards. We will then leave the cards over the weekend to ‘quarantine’ before handing them out the following week. | **Christmas parties**  We are currently planning to have a Christmas party for each class during the last week of term.  We’ll let you know the dates for each class when arrangements are finalised.  **Christmas performances**  We are excited to be trying out a completely different way of working this year for our Christmas performances.  Each class is currently putting together a short performance which we hope to share with you via a video or download.  We will be sending out a letter next week asking for your permission specifically for any filming which may take place in your child’s class. This will contain further details of what each class are hoping to present! |
| **Admissions portal**  If your child is due to start in Reception in September 2021,  You need to apply for a place NOW.  The link is : https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx |
| **Hats and gloves- and other warm clothes!**  We have been advised that we need to keep the classroom windows open as much as possible to allow for a circulation of fresh air. As the weather gets cooler, please could children remember hats and gloves for when they are outside. They may wear long sleeved t-shirts or other additional layers under their school uniform if they start to feel the cold- although we will obviously increase the amount of time the heating is on for. Please make sure everything is clearly named. | **Grants/ awards**  I am delighted to let you know that we have managed to secure a £1000 travel grant. This will be used to buy a second scooter rack, high-vis jackets for the children to walk to school in and wellie racks for the classrooms.  We have also been given a cheque for £333 pounds from the Waitrose community fund (thanks to Paula Harrison). We have used this to purchase some additional new reading books- which are desperately needed. |
| **I have been asked to circulate the following information to you all:**  **The Raspberry Pi Foundation have launched a free Learn at Home initiative to support parents and young people with coding resources at home**. You don’t need any coding experience to join in, and all of their resources and activities are free forever. • Get involved with their space challenge, [**Astro Pi Mission Zero**](https://schools.tecl.co.uk/educationcompany6lz/lz.aspx?p1=MaqDU0OTMzMDIzUzU0NTE6RkI2QzY4NTVEQTUyREQ4MzVFOEExN0MwQ0M4QkE2Qzc%3d-&CC=&w=7109) in partnership with the European Space Agency, **where young people can send a message to the International Space Station!** • **Every Wednesday** their team of educators host a digital making live stream to inspire and teach young people about getting creative with technology. • They provide **over 200 coding projects** you can follow on any computer, with themes from looking after yourself to protecting the planet. All with step-by-step instructions, accessible online at any time, for free! Simply [**visit their website**](https://schools.tecl.co.uk/educationcompany6lz/lz.aspx?p1=MaqDU0OTMzMDIzUzU0NTE6RkI2QzY4NTVEQTUyREQ4MzVFOEExN0MwQ0M4QkE2Qzc%3d-&CC=&w=7110) to get started right away! | |
| **School Lunches**  **This week (w/c 30/11) is week 2**   |  | | --- | | Mon: spaghetti bolognese, pasta, syrup sponge and custard | | Tues: pork casserole, mash and chocolate brownie | | Weds: Chicken curry rice mousse slice | | Thurs: Mince pie, mash, iced cake | | Fri: fish fingers, chips, biscuit |   **Week beginning 7/12 - week 3**   |  | | --- | | Mon: mince and dumplings, mash, apple crumble | | Tues: Mexican chicken, rice, fruit delight | | Weds: Jacket potato plus cheese/ tuna, yoghurt | | Thurs: Christmas dinner | | Fri: Fish cake, chips, muffin |   **Week beginning 14/12 - MENU MAY VARY THIS WEEK BECAUSE OF PARTIES ETC.**  All meals are served with vegetables and there is salad and bread available each day. Puddings are made using low sugar recipes and there are always alternatives of fresh fruit and yoghurt. Meals cost £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week. Please pay online via ParentMail if possible.  There is a link here to the free school meals application form: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx#freeschoolmeals>  If you think you may be eligible, please do apply. There is further information on our website here:  https://www.newbrough.northumberland.sch.uk/website/school\_lunches\_milk\_and\_fruit/227366 | |
| **Wrap around care**  Breakfast Club is up and running every day from 8am.  The cost of each session is just £4 (half price for a second child in the same family) and includes a choice of cereals, toast and a drink.  After School Club is also open Mon-Thurs until 5.30pm and on a Friday until 4.15pm. The cost is £4 per hour or £10 for the full session- again, the second child is half price.  Mrs Johnson and Mrs Rodham have planned a series of exciting Christmas crafts and activities.  Alongside this, there will be a variety of outdoor and indoor activities for the children to choose from and the children will be given a snack and light tea if they stay until 4.30pm.  Please book by ringing/ emailing the office or downloading a form from the website and returning it to school. | |
| Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do get in touch or catch me outside before school. If I don’t know there’s a problem, I can’t sort it out.  Kind regards,  Mrs Trotter (Headteacher) | |

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| **Dates for your diary** |  |
| **December** |  |
| Thursday 10th December | Christmas dinner  Christmas jumper day |
| Week beginning 14th December | Christmas parties- more details to follow |
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| 18.12.2020 | End of autumn term |
| **January** |  |
| 4.1.2021 | Teacher Training Day |
| 5.1.2021 | Start of spring term |
| **February** |  |
| 12.2.2021 | School closes for half term holiday |
| 22.2.2021 | School re-opens |
| **March** |  |
| 26.3.2021 | School closes for Easter holidays |
| **April** |  |
| 12.4.2021 | School re-opens |
| **May** |  |
| 3.5.2021 | May Bank Holiday |
| 28.5.2021 | School closes for half term holiday |
| **June** |  |
| 7.6.2021 | School re-opens |
| **July** |  |
| 16.7.2021 | End of summer term |