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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter. | | |
| **Coronavirus**  **All schools are receiving frequent updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England. The message at the moment is ‘business as usual’.**  **We will continue to keep you updated with any information that we receive via the Facebook page and by Parentmail . The latest information is also displayed on posters in school.**  **If you have any concerns or queries, please get in touch.** | | |
| It has been a very busy and enjoyable start to the new half term and we have some exciting events happening over the next few weeks. I’ve included details below. | | |
| **Staffing Update**  Welcome to Nicola Ord who joins the school as part of our team of cleaners.  Miss Webster is temporarily helping at After School Club- alongside Mrs Johnson- as well as working in Breakfast Club. Mrs Johnson and Miss Webster are planning lots of different activities for the children. | | |
| **SIAMS Inspection**  All Church of England schools receive an inspection every 5 years which looks specifically athow well they are doing as Church Schools.This is known as a SIAMs inspection.  Next Friday, Mr David Tait will be in school to carry out our SIAMS inspection. He will be in school all day and will probably be chatting to some of you outside on Friday morning. We are looking forward to welcoming him to Newbrough. | | |
| **PE and Sports update**  The girls’ football team were in action against Allendale on Thursday this week. Mr Chapman writes:  ‘The girls played amazingly well against Y4 and 5 opposition.  As a team, they persevered together and showed both collective and individual moments of brilliance.The girls were delighted to come out as 6-4 winners. Well done! ‘ | | |
| **Building Work**  After several weather -related delays, we are hoping that the work to replace the cladding on the outside of the school will finally get started next week. It is estimated that this will take around 4 weeks.  I will keep you updated. | | **Samba sessions**  We are really excited to be able to offer the children the opportunity to have a go at Samba drumming thanks to the loan of drums from Core music in Hexham. Paul Susans will be running three sessions for children in Class 2 on Wednesdays 11th, 18th and 25th March during school time. He will also be running KS2 sessions (for children in Class 3 and 4 ) after school on the same dates from **3.15-4pm.** There will be a separate sign up letter coming home with the children.  Parents will be invited in after the last session to hear the results! |
| **Cricket coaching**  All the children in KS1 and KS2 will be taking part in additional cricket coaching sessions today with Tom Cant. | |
| **Mothering Sunday**  There will be a special service in St Peter’s Church on Mothering Sunday.  **See details below:**  **St Peter’s Church, Newbrough**  **MOTHERING SUNDAY**  **22nd March 2020**  **A SERVICE FOR ALL**  **“Comforting, Guiding, Feeding”**  **10.00 a.m.**  **with cake, flowers, good news,**  **and a moment to say**  **“Thanks, Mam!”** | | **INSECT Workshops**  The KS2 children had an fantastic time on Wednesday this week taking part in insect workshops with Liz and Sam. A selection of the amazing art works they have produced will be on display in the Queens Hall in Hexham over the Easter holidays as part of Bug Fest. This is a FREE exhibition that anyone can visit.  Sam and Liz commented on the enthusiasm and engagement of all of the children. |
| **World Book week**  Mr Chapman has sent home a letter about the exciting work teachers are planning around their chosen texts. We are also holding a book week competition for the children.  We are asking them to bring in a potato which they have decorated as a book character. These will be judged on THURSDAY and the winner announced on FRIDAY. The children DO NOT need to dress up- they are dressing up potatoes instead. |
| **And finally…..**  As ever, your views and feedback are on any matter, large or small, are very welcome.  Please feel free to catch me before or after school or give me a ring during the day. | | |
| **Dates for your diary** | | |
| **Monday 2nd March** | **Book week starts** | |
| **Thursday 5th March** | **Bring in your Book Week potatoes!** | |
| **Friday 6th March** | **SIAMS inspector Mr David Tait in school all day** | |
| **Wednesday 11th March** | **SAMBA workshop** | |
| **Wednesday 18th March** | **SAMBA workshop** | |
| **Tuesday 24th March** | **Class 4 visit to Northumbria University**  **More details to follow** | |
| **Wednesday 25th March** | **SAMBA workshop** | |
| **Friday 27th March** | **Last Zumba session before Easter** | |
| **Monday 30th March** | **Parent Consultations** | |
| **Tuesday 1st April** | **Parent Consultations** | |
| **Friday 3rd April** | **School closes for Easter** | |
| **Monday 20th April** | **School reopens** | |
| **Friday 22nd May** | **TEACHER TRAINING DAY** | |