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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter. It’s great to see some of our ‘normal’ activities – like cake sales- returning and we are also looking forward to sharing with you the great progress that the children have been making this term at our parent consultation evenings next week. More details below. | |
| **Stars of the week**  Every week, class teachers award certificates to those children who have particularly impressed them.  Our stars for the week of 27th September were:  Logan, Bobby, Doug, Xav, Eve, Lewis, James and Isla. Edie was awarded her ‘pen licence’ and Max received the Headteacher’s award.  Last week, our stars were Iris, Livvy, Phoebe, Jax, Blake, Emma and Addison and the Headteacher’s award went to Aidan. Really well done to you all! | |
| **School Council news**  We are very excited to announce that Ruth and Bobby (Y5/6 school councillors) are going to be acting as our representatives on the Haydon Bridge Partnership Climate Action Group. This newly- formed group will consist of pupil representatives from all of the schools in our partnership and they will be discussing what we can do, as a group of schools/ communities, to minimise our contribution to climate change. | |
| **Spooktacular Cake sale**  We’ve all missed them- and now they are back!  The Friends of Newbrough School are organising a Halloween cake sale on Monday 18th October at 3.15.  If the weather is fine, the sale will be on the tarmac area by the bike rack. If it is raining, then it will be under the Early Years canopy.  **All contributions of cakes, and offers of help, will be very gratefully received.**  Children who go home on the bus, and those at after school club, will be given the chance to go to the sale if they would like to bring in some change in a named envelope. | **Christmas cards**  The children have been designing their own Christmas cards which will now be professionally printed and made into packs for you to order and help to raise money for the school. There are some fantastic designs!  So, if you are looking for something more personal this year to send to people, then watch out for the order forms which will be coming home soon – featuring designs from your own child!  You will also be helping raise money to fund our playground improvements. |
| **Second hand Children’s books**  Friends will also be running a second hand children’s book stall at the cake sale on Monday.  If you have any good quality children’s books to donate, please bring them into school by Friday of this week. | **Parent Consultations**  We are holding parent consultation evenings next Tuesday and Wednesday. We will once again be offering you the opportunity either to meet with your child’s class teacher remotely via Googlemeet or face to face. There will be additional information about this shortly so that you can sign up for your preferred option.  Our annual **parent survey** will also take place next week. Watch out for the link to the online form. |
| **Early Bird PE**  Don’t forget, we are running more Early Bird PE sessions on **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th October.**  All children can join these sessions which start at **8.30 am** and will hopefully take place on the field- weather permitting.  The children should come to school dressed appropriately for being active. Unfortunately, Shelly can’t run her session this week so look out for the date of an extra Early bird Zumba session soon! | |
| **School Photographs**  The photographer is coming into school to take school photographs on Wednesday 10th November. These will be individual photographs plus siblings who are in school if you wish. You will have the option to choose this nearer the time. | **Flu Vaccinations**  The date for the flu vaccinations is Friday 3rd December.  This is a change from the original date. |
| **School Meals**  As many of you are aware, Mrs Bridges is currently not in school for personal reasons. Mrs Cowen is doing an amazing job cooking for us every day- but it does mean that last minute changes to the menu are likely. We have also been informed by our suppliers that some ingredients are likely to be in short supply which again, will affect the menu. Apologies for any difficulties this may cause. | |
| Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch. If I don’t know there is a problem, I can’t sort it out.  Jo Trotter | |

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| **Dates for your diary** |  |
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| **October** |  |
| Monday 11th October | Y5/6 PE Allendale |
| Wednesday 13th October | Early Bird PE 8.30 am |
| Thursday 14th October | Early Bird PE 8.30 am |
| Monday 18th October | Halloween cake sale/ second hand book sale |
| Tuesday 19th October | Parent consultations |
| Wednesday 20th October | Parent consultations |
| **Friday 22nd October** | **Break for half term** |
| **November** |  |
| Monday 1st November | Teacher training day |
| **Tuesday 2nd November** | **Children return to school** |
| Friday 3rd November | Flu vaccinations |
| Wednesday 10th November | School photos |
| **Friday 17th December** | **Break for Christmas** |
| Tuesday 4th January | Teacher training day |
| **Wednesday 5th January** | **Children return to school** |
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