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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter. It has been a great start to the summer term and there is fantastic learning happening in each class- more details below. | |
| **Learning update:**  Class 1 have been doing some amazing maths outside this week - learning about ordering and sequencing numbers, and finding more and less. A book called ‘Clean up’ has sparked some fantastic research into sea turtles and the children have constructed an amazing obstacle course. There are sweet peas and lettuces growing very happily (despite the cold weather) and we are excited to see how our caterpillars are growing.  There are also caterpillars and plants growing in Class 2 and there is an experiment going on to investigate which conditions seeds need to germinate. The Year 1 children are very proud because they have started joined up writing while the Year 2s are very excited to be beginning work based on ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’ in literacy. They have written some fantastic acrostic poems based on their last book - Mr Majeika.  C:\Users\jo.trotter\Pictures\newsletter\IMG_0403[1].JPG C:\Users\jo.trotter\Pictures\newsletter\IMG_0408[1].JPG C:\Users\jo.trotter\Pictures\newsletter\IMG_0409[1].JPG  In Class 3, the children are thoroughly absorbed by their topic work on Vikings. This week they will be completing a balanced argument considering the question’ Should Vikings be viewed as killers and thieves?’ In literacy, they are continuing their work on ‘Odd and the Frost Giants’ and are working towards creating their own adventure stories.Class 4 have been doing some fantastic science investigating forces - looking at fulcrums, levers, loads and pulleys. In literacy, they are researching and planning a biography of William Shakespeare and are loooking forward to starting their new topic on ‘National Parks’.  C:\Users\jo.trotter\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_0390.jpg | |
| **Class 3 and 4 changes**  From this week, Year 4 are going to be doing PE with Y5 and Y6 on both Thursday and Friday afternoons. From next week, week beginning 10th May, Mr Chapman will be teaching literacy and maths to Year 4 in the mornings alongside the Year 5 and 6 children. They will be studying a Shakespeare play and considering the big question ’ Who killed King Duncan?’ and I know Mr Chapman is really looking forward to teaching this! Year 4 will continue to work with Year 3 for three afternoons a week while they cover science, history, geography, RE and PSHE. | |
| **Stars of the week**  Our stars of the week for the week ending 16th April were: Antony, Tom, Aidan, Layla Mai, Bobby, Caitlin, Rowan and the headteacher’s award went to Ruth. For the week ending 23rd April, our stars were: Mahri, Levi, Grace, Amy, Emilia, Aimee Lia and all of Class 4 while Martha S., Bobby and Zach received headteacher’s awards. The stars for the week ending 30th April were Sovanna, Evie B, Libby, Doug, Poppy, Zach and Kieron and the headteacher’s award went to Bonnie. Really well done to you all! | |
| **Zumba**  There will be NO SESSION on Friday 28th May. | **Parent Consultations**  We will be holding parent consultations during the week beginning 17th May. It is likely that we will offer a mix of face to face and virtual sessions so that you can pick which suits you. There will a letter home before the end of the week asking you to select your preference. |
| **Early Bird PE**  We are going to hold two Early Bird PE sessions on **Wednesday 26th May and Thursday 27th May.** The children can arrive in school from **8.30 am** and will be able to join in with PE sessions on the school field. Each class will have their own area and their own set of equipment to work with- so that we are maintaining our bubble groups. Please can the children wear PE kits on these 2 days.  All children are welcome to take part. | **Dates for your diaries:**  We are hoping to hold a sports day on Wednesday 7th July and an ‘End of Year’ celebration on Wednesday 14th July. More details of these will follow as we get closer to the dates. |
| **Wrap around care**  Breakfast and After school clubs are now running every day and getting busier and busier! Please help us plan our activities and staffing by booking by Friday of the previous week at the latest.  Booking forms are available from the office and on the website, please complete a new form each month so that we can ensure adequate staff are in place for each session. | |
| **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:**  If you have any question or concerns, please do get in touch. If I don’t know there is a problem, I can’t sort it out.  Jo Trotter (Headteacher) | |

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| **Dates for your diary** | |
| **MAY** |  |
| Week beginning 17th May | Parent Consultation evenings |
| Wednesday 26th May | 8.30 am Early Bird PE |
| Thursday 27th May | 8.30 am Early Bird PE |
| Friday 28th May | Finish for half term  NO ZUMBA |
| **JUNE** |  |
| Monday 7th June | Return to school |
| **JULY** |  |
| Wednesday 7th July | *Sports Day- provisional date* |
| Wednesday 14th July | End of Year celebration – *provisional date* |
| Friday 16th July | Term ends |