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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter. Incredibly, there are only four weeks until the end of term- and lots to fit in!  Please see below for further details of events which are planned. There is also a Friends newsletter attached- which also has lots of important information in it. | |
| **Stars of the week**  Every week, class teachers award certificates to those children who have particularly impressed them.  Our stars for the week beginning 8th November were: Makai and Tom (Class 1), Callum, Thea, Mahri and Dylan (Class 2), Bertie and Caitlin (Class 3) and Addison (Class 4). The Headteacher’s award went to Ruth in Class 4.  This week’s stars are: Bilson and Ruby (Class 1), Evie and Pippa (Class 2) with a special mention to Jackson and Hamish, Luke B, Aidan and Noah in Class 3 and Holly in Class 4. The Headteacher’s award went to Aimee Lia. Callum received a sparkly pencil for fantastic handwriting in Class 2 and William achieved the very great honour of being the first Year 3 to receive his pen licence!  Really well done to you all. | |
| **Christmas performance this year**  Sadly, because COVID case numbers in Northumberland schools remain so high, the advice from NCC, the public health team and the Director of Education himself remains very clear – that we should not hold Christmas performances inside with lots of people in the same room because of the risk of infection. However, we are allowed to hold events outside.  So, we would like to invite you to wrap up warm and join us on **Tuesday 14th December at 2pm** **on the playground t**o sing some Christmas songs and hear some Christmas readings and poems followed by coffee and cake.  If the weather is really bad, we have a reserve date of Wednesday 15th December. | |
| **Christmas Hampers**  Friends are organising a hamper draw again this year. We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday, 26th November in exchange for the children bringing in a hamper donation of either alcoholic drinks (including wines, spirits and liqueurs) or seasonal food items (such as boxes of chocolates, biscuits and savoury crackers) to put into the Christmas hampers. Please no perishables or non-food items.  Raffle tickets will be coming home on Friday this week- please sell them to friends, neighbours and family and help us raise vital funds for school. | **Christmas dinner/Christmas jumper day**  Christmas dinner will be Thursday 9th December.  The children will be eating in 2 sittings as usual.  If your child **doesn’t** usually have a school dinner, and would like a Christmas dinner, please let us know by **Friday 3rd December** by emailing the school office. IF YOUR CHILD HAS A SCHOOL DINNER EVERYDAY, YOU DON’T NEED TO LET US KNOW.  The children can wear their Christmas jumpers on Thursday 9th December in exchange for £1 for charity. The school council will be deciding which charity we will be supporting this year shortly. |
| **Christmas Parties**  We will be holding Christmas parties for the children on Friday17th December- the last day of term.  Mrs Bridges will be supplying party food. The children can come to school in party clothes- but these need to be sensible and warm as they will still be playing outside and we still need to keep the windows open! | **Toddlers**  Newbrough toddler group meet s every Wednesday morning in the school hall from 9.30- 11. If you have a child under school age, you are very welcome to come along. This Wednesday, there is a special ‘Zumbini’s’ session (music and movement for babies and toddlers) run by Shelly who leads Zumba on a Friday. |
| **Climate action:**  Class 4 have been inspired by their geography work on climate change to write this information for the newsletter.  *What is global warming?*  *Global warming is when the temperature of our planet is increasing because of the amount of Carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere as a result of our actions (Our carbon footprint) The carbon dioxide emissions create a ‘greenhouse effect’ as they form a layer of gas which stops solar radiation escaping back into the atmosphere. Take a look at the diagram below:*  *Who is responsible?*  *We all have a carbon footprint therefore we are all responsible for global warming – the greater your carbon footprint the more damage you are doing to the planet. This is partly due to the “take-make-dispose” linear economy. We should all aim for a circular economy in which we reduce-reuse and recycle!*  *Food Miles and Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions:*  *In Class Four, we have been looking inward and researching where common products we use come from. This allowed us to work out the ‘Food Miles’ our products travel before they get into our homes.*  *Here are just some our shocking findings:*   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | *Product:* | *Country:* | *Food Miles:* | *Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions:* | | *Coffee* | *Ethiopia* | *5,848* | *311kg (based on more than one cup a day)* | | *Eating cheese 3-5 times per week* | *Various –*  *France is the most popular* | *2,486* | *201kg annually* |   *We have one clear message –* ***don’t change your diet, buy******seasonal local produce*** *to reduce your Food Miles and Carbon Footprint and help save our planet!*  *We have each made a pledge to reduce our Food Miles in Class 4. If successful here is the annual difference in our carbon footprint:  Before: 3,473 KG After: 1,468 KG Difference: 2,005KG  What will your difference be?* | |
| **School lunches**  School lunches can be paid online via ParentMail. We’d really appreciate weekly or termly payments for lunches wherever possible, if you have any problems please let us know. | |
| 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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| **November** |  |
| Friday 3rd December | Flu vaccinations |
| **Friday 17th December** | **Break for Christmas** |
| Tuesday 4th January | Teacher training day |
| **Wednesday 5th January** | **Children return to school** |
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