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|  **Dear Parents,**Welcome to the latest newsletter- the first of the summer term. We have a busy and exciting term ahead and there is a lot to fit in. Please do look at the dates at the end of the letter for more information. |
| **Staffing update:**I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Stevens is back with us full-time in Reception. Many thanks to Mrs Mahoney who stepped in and did an amazing job teaching Reception last term.I am also delighted to let you know that Mrs Graham will be returning from maternity leave after May half term. She will be teaching Class 2 (Y1 and 2) on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Houghton will continue to teach the class on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Graham will be spending some time in school before half term working alongside Mrs Houghton and getting to know the children again. |
| **Mini Police** Our Mini Police have been really busy recently. They had a visit from the police dog unit and have had some training on water safety messages which they will be delivering across school later this term. They have been invited to be on duty at the Northumberland show (more details will be going to parents shortly) and will be out with the speed gun again soon.  | **Hadrian’s Wall 1900th Anniversary**Children in Class 3 and 4 had an amazing drumming, dance and drama workshop last week delivered by staff from Haydon Bridge High School. The workshop is being delivered to all of the schools in the partnership and the plan is that all of the children will be performing at the same time in June on Hadrian’s Wall. It should be a fantastic experience. |
| **Stars of the week**Each week, class teachers choose pupils who have particularly impressed them to receive a star of the week certificate. Here are our stars for last week:Class 1: Greta and Tom; Class 2: Annie and Libby; Class 3: Aimee Lia and Doug and Class 4: BobbyReally well done to you all! |
| **Friends update**Following the fantastic success of the Easter Fair, planning for our first **SUMMER FAIR** since 2019 is well under way. The date is **Saturday 9th July** and we’re looking for lots of support to make it a huge success.Work on the pond dipping platform is well under way. A huge thanks to Chris Wigmore and the volunteers from the community for constructing this. | **Uniform Swap**Celia Higgins, one of our parent governors, is setting up a uniform swap/reuse system. If anyone has any outgrown uniform that they no longer want, please could they bring it to school in the **last couple of weeks of term (from July 1st).**It will be washed, sorted and then advertised via the news- letter, the Stanegate (in the green notes section) and Newbrough buying and selling Facebook page/ PTA Facebook page. |
| **Curriculum Update**Class 1 have been looking at the differences in the garden since coming back after Easter and comparing the heights of the beans and sunflowers they have grown. We have spring cleaned the water area and the abundance of dandelions and other herbs is providing some interesting ingredients for mud pies and potions. In Maths we have been exploring odd and even numbers and Miss Count has been joined by her twin sister to create more number problems to spot in the classroom. Class 2 have been using the poem ‘Nature Trail’ by Benjamin Zephaniah as the stimulus for their literacy work. In history they are learning about ‘Grace Darling’- with a visit to the Grace Darling museum in Bamburgh planned for later in the term. In science, the children are learning all about plants and are sowing and growing lots of seeds. As part of their work, the children would like to create some new flower borders outside Class 2. **If anyone has any good quality topsoil or bags of peat free compost that they could donate to school, please could you let us know?**Class 3 are studying Ancient Egypt in history this term. In English, they are reading ‘The Little Prince’ and writing myths. Science is all about forces and magnets and their class read is ‘Otherland’ by Louie Stowell-an exciting fantasy adventure where the central characters, Myra and Rohan, have to undertake 3 challenges to rescue Rohan’s sister from the Fairy Queen.Class 4 are practising their geographical skills this term, in preparation for their upcoming residential in the Lake District. In science, they are studying evolution, adaptations and inheritance and in literacy they are using extracts from Frankenstein and Dracula, amongst others, to inspire some ‘Gothic’ writing. Their class read- as voted for by the children is ‘Ways to be me’ by Libby Scott/ Rebecca Westcott |
| **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**We will be holding a tea party on Wednesday 8th June at 2.15 pm to celebrate the Queen’s platinum jubilee. Hopefully, the weather will be nice enough for this to be outside. All are welcome to join us for this event. | **Additional Closure day**School is closed for an additional day this year on **Monday 4th July.** |
| **External Assessments**All external assessments are taking place this year. This includes Y1 phonics screening, Y2 SATs, Y4 times table check and KS2 SATs. Dates are included below and Class teachers will give you more information during Parent Consultations. |

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| **Dates for your diary** |  |
| **MAY** |  |
| Tues 3rd | Parent consultations |
| Thurs 5th | Parent consultations |
| Mon 9th- Thurs 12th | Y6 SATs |
| Wed 11th | Cricket coaching (Y1-6) |
| Mon 23rd onwards | Art week |
| Mon 23rd and Tues 24th  | Class 1 parent consultations |
| 27.5.2022 | Half term holiday begins |
| **JUNE** |  |
| 6.6.2022 | Return to school |
| 6th- 10th June | Y1 phonics screening check |
| 6th -24th June | Y4 Multiplication tables check |
| Tues 7th | 5.30 pm Meeting for Y5/6 parents re residential |
| Weds 8th | 2.15pm Jubilee Tea party |
| Week beginning June 13th | Class 3 and 4 visit Hexham Book Festival |
| **JULY** |  |
| 4.7.2022 | School Closure – additional holiday |
| Tues 5th  | Sports Day |
| Saturday 9th | Summer Fair |
| Mon 11th- Weds 13th | Y5/6 residential |
| Weds 20th  | 2pm End of Year celebration |
| Thurs 21st | Reports to parents |
| 22.7.2022 | End of Summer term |