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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. It promises to be a busy one with some exciting activities going on. I’ve included further details of many of them below. | | |
| **Art Projects**  This half term, the children are going to be taking part in some art workshops as part of our ongoing link with Queen’s Hall in Hexham.  On Tuesday 12th November, the children in Class 3 and 4 will be taking photographs on Hadrian’s Wall with a photographer and then the following week, Tuesday 19th November, Class 3 will be learning how to edit and manipulate their photos using the ICT suite at Queen Elizabeth’s High School in Hexham. Further details will be sent on a separate letter.  On Monday 18th November, KS2 children will also be taking part in a ‘body percussion’ workshop in school.  These workshops and opportunities are all paid for through the START funding but we will be asking for a small contribution towards the cost of the transport. | | |
| **Theatre Production**  On Tuesday 26th November, the West Midlands Theatre Company are visiting school with their production of ‘The Bluebird’. The company performed here last year and the children really enjoyed it. The Friends of Newbrough Primary School have very kindly agreed to fund this production so that there will be no charge to children. | | |
| **Friends meeting**  **Thursday 14th November 7pm Red Lion, Newbrough.**  The Friends/ PTA are an incredibly important part of school life, raising hugely important funds for the school. You are all automatically members of the PTA so why not come along and find out a bit more about what they do and how you can help?  **All are welcome!** | | **Christmas Film Night- Save the date!**  Friends are organising a film night for the children in school on **Wednesday 4 th December.**  More details closer to the date. |
| **Early Years Outdoor area**  We are incredibly lucky to have such a fantastic outside space at our school and Mrs Stevens and Mrs Briddock work very hard to make it as exciting and stimulating as possible for the children.  **Please, please appreciate that this is primarily a teaching space.** If your children play outside after school, please make sure that they put back any resources and that they treat any equipment with respect. Sadly, we have recently had a number of breakages of equipment by some of the older children. | | |
| **Breakfast and After School club staffing**  Could you work in our breakfast and after school club? Have you got experience of working with children?  We are looking for someone to work for an hour each morning and 3.15 pm until 5pm each evening (4.15 on a Friday). You don’t need a formal qualification for this post- enthusiasm and ideas are more important! Full support and any training necessary will be given.  **More details can be found here:**  <https://www.newbroughprimaryschool.org.uk/website/staff_vacancies/426320>  Or talk to Mrs Trotter or Mrs Hudson for more information. | | |
| **After School Clubs**  There are 2 more sessions of netball club (Monday 11th and 18th) and one more session of football ( Wednesday 13th November) this term.  Zumba will continue for a few more weeks. Other  after school clubs will start again in the New Year when afternoons start to get lighter again! | | |
| **Mr Chapman’s Recommended Reads:**  Mr Chapman is our lead teacher for English in school and he is always looking for ways to engage and excite the children through books.  He has recommended the following book.  **‘What is politics? Why should we care? And Other Big Questions’ by Michael Rosen and Anne Marie Young**  A book that encourages children to think what politics is, how it affects them, and how they can participate. With Brexit, an impending election,  youth marches to highlight climate change, this look at politics – past and present – is ideal for children in upper Key Stage Two. | **Mrs Stevens’ Motivating Maths:**  Mrs Stevens is our lead teacher for Maths in school and she is passionate about all things mathematical.  She has recommended the following app for children to have a look at:  <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>  It’s available online or can be downloaded as an app. | |
| **Keeping children safe online:**  If you are worried about how to talk to your child about online safety, there has been some useful guidance published recently by Childnet.  They have updated their parent and carer toolkit that will help parents have conversations about online safety. Their booklet 'Let's talk about life online' includes ten key messages that should be shared with children:   1. "You can always come to me if you need help." 2. "What would you do if this happened…?" 3. "Remember that not everyone is who they say they are online." 4. "Keep your personal information safe, and other people’s too." 5. "Be respectful to others online." 6. "Think before you post." 7. "Remember to ask if it’s okay." 8. "Remember not everything is true online." 9. "The things other people post online might not always show what their life is really like." 10. "Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to."   The Parent and Carer Toolkit can be found here: [https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit](http://briefing.safeguardinginschools.co.uk/lt.php?s=4f778ef11c3401b21dfbd5c57551f49a&i=81A108A5A798) | | |
| **Attendance for first half of Autumn term**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | **% auth** | **% unauth** | | **Reception** | **97.96** | **2** | **0** | | **Y1** | **96.71** | **2.8** | **0.49** | | **Y2** | **96.25** | **3.14** | **0.6** | | **Y3** | **98.6** | **1.22** | **0.17** | | **Y4** | **98.99** | **1.01** | **0** | | **Y5** | **94.5** | **5.49** | **0** | | **Y6** | **87.8** | **11.38** | **0.8** |   Good attendance at school is vital for your child’s education.  If your child’s attendance is below 90%, this is classed as persistent absence. | | |
| Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do get in touch or catch me on the playground before school. If I don’t know there’s a problem, I can’t sort it out!  Kind regards,  Mrs Trotter (Headteacher) | | |

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| **Dates for your diary** | |
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| **NOVEMBER** |  |
| Monday 4th | Teacher training day |
| Tuesday 5th | School re-opens |
| Thursday 7th | Open the book |
| Friday 8th | Early Years training event in school |
| Tuesday 12th | Class 3 and 4 visit Hadrian’s Wall am for photography workshop |
| Thursday 14th | Friends Meeting 7pm Red Lion |
| Friday 15th | Reception and Y6 Heights and weights |
| Monday 18th | KS2 Body percussion workshop |
| Tuesday 19th | Pm Class 3 visit QEHS |
| Thursday 21st | Open the book |
| Tuesday 26th | Theatre Company visit school |
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| DECEMBER |  |
| Tuesday 3rd | Advent Service at church- all welcome |
| Wednesday 4th | Christmas Film Night |
| Wednesday 11th | Class 1 at Queen’ s Hall, Hexham |
| Thursday 12th | Christmas dinner |
| Monday 16th | Christmas Play- dress rehearsal |
| Tuesday 17th | Christmas Play pm performance |
| Wednesday 18th | Christmas Play evening performance |
| Thursday 19th | Christmas party |
| Friday 20th December | School closes for Christmas |
| **Monday 6th January** | **Teacher training day** |
| **Tuesday 7th January** | **Children return to school** |