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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter. The children have come back into school after half term with a really positive attitude and it has been fantastic to see the work which has been happening across the whole school.  However, the fact that there has been a positive Covid case in school is a reminder that we are very much not back to normal- sadly. Case numbers remain very high in Northumberland so we will continue to follow the guidance from the public health team. This means that any plans for the next half term will continue to be kept under review. I will keep you informed as and when anything changes. | |
| **Stars of the week**  Every week, class teachers award certificates to those children who have particularly impressed them.  Our stars for the week before half term were: Archie, Levi (Class1), Eve, Layla (Class 2), Aimee Lia, Evie, Leon A (Class 3 )and George and Ruth (Class 4). The headteacher’s award also went to Layla. Last week, our stars were: Barney, Archie (Class 1), Fern and Ronnie (Class 2), Max , Aubrey and Leon B (Class 3) and Addison (Class 4). Caitlyn, Vinny and Addison gained their coveted pen licences and The headteacher’s award went to Antony.  Really well done to you all. | |
| **Governing Body Update**  It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Mary Pedley, our Chair of Governors, is standing down at our Governing Body meeting this month. Mary has worked tirelessly for the school for many years now and will be a familiar face to many of you from school events- as well as to the children from her many visits into school. Although Mary hasn’t been able to be in school as much as she would have liked over the past 18 months, she has nevertheless continued with her role of supporting and challenging the school. She will be a real miss to us all and we wish her all the very best for the future.  I am delighted to let you know, however, that we have a new parent governor- Celia Higgins, parent of a child in Reception. Welcome- and we look forward to working with you. | |
| **Visit from Bishop Mark**  We were delighted to welcome Bishop Mark to school last week when he joined us for Collective Worship outside. He was very impressed with the children, the quality of their responses and their acting ability! | **Cross Country**  Last Friday, the children in Class 3 and 4 took part in an inter-school cross country event at Allendale Primary School. There were some fantastic individual results – with Luke (Year 4 ) coming first in his year group!  Mr Chapman and Miss Harris were very impressed with the effort that everyone put in- and with their amazing behaviour. |
| **After School Clubs**  Sports club and Zumba are continuing this half term. There will be NO Zumba on the last day of term (Friday 17th) but there WILL BE sports club on the 16th December.  There will be a new selection of clubs after Christmas. | **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. |
| **Friends of Newbrough Primary School update**  **Cake Sale**  Our recent cake sale raised a tremendous total of £172.72!! A huge thank you to all of those people who baked, helped or bought cakes!  **Pond and playground**  We held a second working party in order to fill in the old pond and transfer all the wildlife into the new pond. A huge thank you to all those people who helped- and a special mention to James Wardle who flattened the whole area and removed some rotten play equipment with a digger. We look forward to sharing the plans for the next phase with you soon.  **Christmas cards**  Christmas card orders are now in school and the children should be bringing them home today.  **AGM**  Advance notice that the AGM will be coming up shortly. All are welcome!  We are particularly looking for a treasurer so if anyone is interested, please come along. | |
| **School Photographs**  The photographer came into school last week to take school photos. This was due to a mix up with dates in her office.  Unfortunately, this meant that you weren’t able to let us know your preferences regarding photos. We tried our best to cover all options but I apologise for any difficulties this may cause. | **Flu Vaccinations**  The date for the flu vaccinations is Friday 3rd December.  This is a change from the original date. |
| 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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