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|  **Dear Parents,**Welcome to the latest newsletter. The weather seems to have given us 3 seasons in a week recently- but in school we have been focused on Easter- and preparing for the Friends’ Easter Fair on Saturday. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. |
| **COVID and Attendance**It is clear that Covid is very much still with us with many staff and children testing positive over the past few weeks.Thank you for continuing to work with us as we try and minimise the impacts in school and our community. It is much appreciated!We have been advised by the DfE that the following national guidance is in place from tomorrow, 1st April:Updated guidance will advise:

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| * adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
* children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
* adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

We are expecting further updated guidance in school from public health bodies and I will share this with you when we receive it.We will continue to keep most of our precautions in place in school for now. This is to try and minimise transmission to avoid staff (and of course children) being re-infected and becoming ill again. So far, we have managed to cover most staff absence- and a huge thank you to all of the staff who have taken on so many different roles- especially in the past 3 weeks. |

Our control measures in school continue to be: good hygiene, continued additional cleaning, good ventilation and following the public health advice if there is a confirmed case.All arrangements in school will be kept under review and we will continue to implement our contingency plan when necessary. |
| **COVID Vaccinations**We have also been asked to share the following information with you about COVID vaccinations.Healthy 5 to 11-year olds will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine from the beginning of April. Vaccinations will take place outside of school, in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GP surgeries and walk-in centres. **Parents of 5 to 11-year olds will receive a letter from the NHS with further information on the vaccine.**For 5 to 11 year old vaccinations, you can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/?utm_source=29%20March%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19), at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/?utm_source=29%20March%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) without needing an appointment. Appointments and walk-ins can be accessed for 12 to 15 year olds now, and **bookings will open up for 5 to 11 year olds from the beginning of April.** |
| **Mini Police** Our Mini Police have been active recently. You may have caught sight of them operating the speed gun outside school earlier this week and ensuring that the 20mph zone is being observed. They have also been trained to deliver online safety advice to the other children in school and next week they will be meeting the police dog unit. | **Light and Space workshops**On Tuesday, all of the children in Classes 2,3 and 4 took part in an exciting science workshop led by staff from Kielder Observatory exploring ideas about light and space as part of the science learning for this half term. The children really enjoyed the sessions. |
| **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 the past 4 weeks:Class 1: 4th Kit and Iris, 11th Stella and April, 18th Archie and Millie, 23rd LeviClass 2: 4th Eve and Thea, 11th Antony, 18th Layla and Annie, 23rd Jax and KaiClass 3: 4th Blake and Edie, 11th Leon A and Lilly, 17th all of Class 3 and 24th Martha and AmyClass 4: 4th Everyone in Class 4, 11th Addison, 17th Logan and 24th RuthHeadteacher’s awards went to: Joseph: April, Alex and Thea; Barney and Max.Really well done to you all! |
| **Hadrian’s Wall 1900th Anniversary**This year, it is 1900 years since the building of Hadrian’s Wall. Our school is joining together with other schools across our local partnership to celebrate with an exciting programme of arts workshops across the year.There will be much more information as the programme develops but the first event is next week when Class 4 are joining up with other Y5 and 6 children from Wark, Bellingham and Otterburn for a poetry workshop and art session. This will take place at the Sill and is based on the work of Simon Armitage (the Poet Laureate) who has written some special poems inspired by Northumbrian Landscapes. It promises to be a very exciting day. |
| **Friends update****Easter Fair**The Friends of Newbrough PTA are holding an EASTER FAIR on Saturday 2nd, April 2-4pm at Newbrough Town Hall. There will be all sorts of activities and family fun.  Everyone is welcome! | **Parent Consultation Evenings**There will be parent consultation evenings during the week beginning 2nd May for children in classes 2, 3 and 4. Class 1 children will have a parent consultation evening later in the summer term. We would like to offer face to face appointments this time so that you have the opportunity to look at the children’s amazing work. If you would prefer to still have an online meeting, we will of course arrange this. Just let us know.A separate letter has been sent out with further details and a sign- up slip. |
| **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 below to the online free school meals application form: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx#freeschoolmeals> There is further information on our website: https://www.newbrough.northumberland.sch.uk/website/school\_lunches\_milk\_and\_fruit/227366 |
| **Dinner Money****A reminder that dinner money is £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week** All Reception, Y1 and Y2 pupils receive “Universal Infant Free School Meals”. Nursery children plus children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 need to pay for their lunches. Details, including the menu, can be found on the website**Don’t forget dinner money can be paid online via the Parentmail app**. |
| **Parking**Please could I politely request that parents DO NOT PARK on the pavements outside school and do not park across the road from school. There is parking available in the cricket club car park across the road. Thank you for your continued support with this. |

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| **Dates for your diary** |  |
| **APRIL** |  |
| 8.4.2022 | End of Spring term |
| 25.4.2022 | Start of Summer term |
| **MAY** |  |
| 27.5.2022 | Half term holiday begins |
| **JUNE** |  |
| 6.6.2022 | Return to school |
| **JULY** |  |
| 4.7.2022 | Queen’s Jubilee Bank Holiday (school closed) |
| 22.7.2022 | End of Summer term |