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| **Dear Parents,**  There are a few things to update you all on so I’ve added in an extra newsletter this week. | | |
| **Climbing Tower total**  The total money that the children raised on the climbing tower was an absolutely staggering  £922.10!!!  The money has now gone to Maggie’s Centre. Thank you to all of you for your support with fundraising for this worthwhile cause. | | |
| **New Reading Books**  Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends, we have been able to purchase brand new- and much needed- reading books across the whole school. Expect your children to be reading these books from next week .  It’s your support for all of the cake sales, raffles and summer fairs which has enabled this money to be raised.  Thank you- it makes such a difference. | | |
| **Parent Governor Election**  We now have a new parent Governor- Chris Wigmore. Congratulations Chris , and thank you for taking on this vital role. Chris joins Lucy Paterson, our other parent Governor . They are your representatives on the Governing Body of the school so feel free to contact them with any questions you may have. They can be contacted via school. | | |
| **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. | | |
| **Non-Uniform Day- Christmas hamper donations**  We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 29th November in exchange for the children bringing in a donation of chocolates, alcoholic drink or seasonal food items to put into our Christmas hampers for our annual Christmas raffle. | | **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 Open morning**  Hopefully, you have all seen the fantastic feedback that the team in Early Years received last week- along with Mrs Bridges (now known as the best school cook on the planet!).  **We are holding an Early Years open morning from 9.30-11.30 on Friday 6th December.**  Come along and find out what makes our Early Years so special.  **Please spread the word amongst anyone you know who might currently be looking for a nursery or reception place**.  We currently have a few spaces left for September 2020 in both nursery and reception. | | |
| **After School Clubs**  There is one more session of netball on Monday.  **PLEASE NOTE: Zumba club continues up to and including Friday 13th December.** | | |
| **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 for children in KS1.  ‘Brenda is a Sheep’ by Morag Hood - A sharp and funny take on the wolf in sheep’s clothing tale. With standout holly jumpers and pointy teeth, Brenda is a cult sheep with a following. But when she plans a big meal with a mint sauce recipe, perhaps not everything is as it seems… | **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:  [www.ictgames.com/funkyMummy/index.html](http://www.ictgames.com/funkyMummy/index.html) | |
| **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** |  |
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| 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 |
| Friday 29th November | Non-uniform day- Christmas hamper donations |
| **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** |