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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to all of the children who came into school today. It really is lovely to see everyone.  A very special welcome to Frankie, Verity and Iris who have just started in Nursery. We hope you will be very happy at Newbrough.  Thank you to all of you for your amazing efforts in supporting your children’s learning at home- we do appreciate that it has been tough juggling the competing demands of children of different ages, work and home schooling.  Thank you, too, to all of the staff who have been working really hard to make the school look lovely- including putting up new displays and tidying up. I know that the staff have been looking forward to today as well.  Although it feels like we may have turned a corner in the pandemic, it’s important to remember that we still need to follow all of the guidance. Schools have opened more widely- but all of the other national lockdown restrictions remain in place until the impact of opening schools is clearer.  All families with children in primary schools can now access home testing kits to support keeping schools open. There are details below of how to access the kits. | |
| **Home testing**  All families, childcare or support bubbles of primary age children can now access home test kits.  **Primary school pupils will not be asked to test at this time.**  **Collect test kits**  You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.  Anyone 18 or over can collect.  Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.  [Find your nearest home test kit collection point](https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/).  **Order home test kits online**  If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.  Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.  [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)  **What twice-weekly testing involves**  You will be asked to:   * take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart) * report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test   [Report your test result online](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) or by calling 119. | |
| **Covid Recovery Curriculum**  In order to help the children move forward with their learning as quickly as possible after such a long time out of school, we have employed additional staffing over the next few weeks. Mrs Mahoney will be working every morning so that Y3 and 4 can be taught separately. Mrs Horn will be working in Class 2 alongside Mrs Graham and Mrs Houghton so that Y1 and Y2 will be taught separately.  Each class is focusing their work round a classic text for the next few weeks in celebration of World Book Day which was last week. The staff have decorated their classroom doors to match their books.  Class 1 are reading ‘Where the Wild Things are’; Year 1 have already had a visit from Paddington Bear; Year 2 are reading ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’; Year 3 and Year 4 are using ‘Wind in the Willows’ as their text while Class 4 are reading ‘The Wolves of Willoughby Chase’ with extracts from ‘Hound of the Baskervilles’ as a comparison.  C:\Users\jo.trotter\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_0249[1].jpgC:\Users\jo.trotter\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_0248[1].jpgC:\Users\jo.trotter\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_0250[1].jpgC:\Users\jo.trotter\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_0246[1].jpgC:\Users\jo.trotter\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_0247[1].jpg  Class 2 will be carrying on with their exciting history topic about ‘The Titanic’. Class 3 are learning about the local area in history and geography while Class 4 are learning about the turbulent history of early Christianity in the North East in their topic ‘Cuthbert, Aidan and Bede’.  We are also increasing our PE provision over the next few weeks. Class 3 and 4 will be doing PE on Thursday and Friday and will be running on Tuesdays. Please could the children remember their trainers on Tuesdays and come to school in PE kits on Thursdays and Fridays. Class 2 will be doing PE on Thursday (with Chris from Magpie Sports) and Forest School on Tuesday afternoons. Please could they come to school in PE kit on Thursday and bring warm clothes for Forest School on Tuesdays. Children in Reception will also being doing some PE on a Thursday morning with Chris . Please could they wear trainers on Thursdays. | |
| **Wrap around care**  Breakfast and After school clubs are now running every day to support people who are working.  Mrs Johnson and Mrs Rodham have planned some lovely Easter and Mother’s Day themed activities for the next few weeks. | |
| **School lunches**  We are serving hot school lunches each day.  This week is Week 1 of the menu   |  | | --- | | Mon: mince cobbler, mash, cheesecake | | Tues: pasta with tomato and basil sauce, cornflake crunch | | Weds: cheese melt, wedges, biscuit | | Thurs: sausage, mash, flapjack | | Fri: pizza, chips and chocolate cake | | |
| **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 here to the free school meals application form: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx#freeschoolmeals>  There is further information on our website here:  https://www.newbrough.northumberland.sch.uk/website/school\_lunches\_milk\_and\_fruit/227366 | |
| **And finally:**  We will be keeping all of our arrangements under review over the next few weeks.  If you have any question or concerns, please do get in touch.  Jo Trotter (Headteacher) | |
| **March** |  |
| 26.3.2021 | School closes for Easter holidays |
| **April** |  |
| 12.4.2021 | School re-opens |
| **May** |  |
| 3.5.2021 | May Bank Holiday |
| 28.5.2021 | School closes for half term holiday |
| **June** |  |
| 7.6.2021 | School re-opens |
| **July** |  |
| 16.7.2021 | End of summer term |