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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter and to the second half of the Spring term.  A very warm welcome to Kit who has joined us in Reception. We hope you will be very happy here at Newbrough.  There is a very busy half term ahead with lots of exciting learning planned- as always! | |
| **COVID and Attendance**  As you will know, there is no longer a **legal requirement** for anyone to self-isolate if they test positive for Covid.  However, the **public health advice** is still that people should stay at home and avoid contact with others if they test positive or have any of the main symptoms. If your child is unwell, please continue to administer a LFT when appropriate, as this will help to protect us all from an outbreak.  As previously, if you test negative on day 5 and 6 you can then return to work or school if you feel well enough. Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or to take daily tests.  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 have a contingency plan in place if there is an increase in cases. | |
| **Football Club**  Mr Chapman will be running a football club starting next Wednesday, 9th March. A separate sign up letter will be sent out shortly. | **No Zumba Friday March 4th**  A reminder that there is no Zumba this week.  Shelly will be back next week. |
| **Bikeability training Thursday 10th March/ Friday 11th March**  Our Y5 and 6 children will be taking part in a ‘Bikeability’ training workshop next week with the ‘Cycle Partnership’ who run the training for Northumberland County Council.  There will be separate information coming out for parents of children in Y5/6 about the arrangements. | **Light and Space workshops**  On Tuesday 29th March, each class will be taking 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. |
| **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 last 3 weeks before half term.  Class 1: Ruby and Penny; April and Greta; Livvy and Bilson  Class 2: Phoebe and Libby; Ronnie, Mahri and Kai; Archie, Lewis and Fern  Class 3: Aubrey and Luke B; Leon B, William and Vinny; Leon A and Max  Class 4: Addison; Holly; Logan and Ruth  Headteacher’s awards went to all of Class 3; Edie and Libby.  Really well done to you all! | |
| **World Book Day**  Mr Chapman writes:  As you may be aware, Thursday the 3rd of March is World Book Day. Across school we have decided to celebrate the occasion by continuing to place emphasis on the importance of reading and celebrate our love of reading for pleasure. We will be reading lots of amazing books; giving children the opportunity to browse, read and share quality texts from class reading areas and the library; gather recommendations from children based on their reading interests to create wish lists; and create class scrapbooks which review and celebrate previous reading while also providing a child-led platform for book talk.  The children will also be joining live, virtual author events across the week. | |
| **Friends update**  **Save the date!**  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.  Details will be posted on the Town Hall and Newbrough School Facebook pages and on posters in the village. Everyone is welcome! | **Parent Consultation Evenings**  There will be parent consultation evenings during the week beginning 28th March for children in classes 2,3 and 4. Class 1 children will have a parent consultation evening 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 will be sent out with further details nearer the time. |
| **Mini Police**  All of our Y5 and 6 children have been officially enrolled as ‘Mini Police’ and this week saw them carry out their next assignment which was to deliver a session on ‘Healthy relationships’ to Class 3. | |
| **Ukraine**  BBC Newsround has produced a video which may help to explain what’s happening with the war in Ukraine.  [**https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60554258**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60554258)  First News- which is a newspaper written especially for children- has also produced a guide to help parents answer questions about the war in Ukraine. The link is below:  [**https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/ukraine-first-news-explainer/?utm\_medium=email&\_hsmi=205313495&\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9CJbP2iKaQaKgzHPR48cxKX\_uaRmCgpq9EO38gcIG4vbWw5-PZr8f-K8K8-XhgyenMCSq**](https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/ukraine-first-news-explainer/?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=205313495&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9CJbP2iKaQaKgzHPR48cxKX_uaRmCgpq9EO38gcIG4vbWw5-PZr8f-K8K8-XhgyenMCSq)  They also have a guide which helps adults talk to children about news which can be scary. This can be found here:  [**https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/how-to-talk-to-children-when-the-news-is-scary/?utm\_medium=email&\_hsmi=205313495&\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8mzEkD\_ItqARJeShtTVnXS21JsSqWQTX4EoWMu6oZs80Fwtj3Ka\_3a2yp9rfSeiPGdCnhwi7omespNQo08RpWKO9783eHhe6jn5D3KzA43ECDI5J6maa9VtGH09pbYnxGgN5dt&utm\_content=205313495&utm\_source=hs\_email**](https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/how-to-talk-to-children-when-the-news-is-scary/?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=205313495&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8mzEkD_ItqARJeShtTVnXS21JsSqWQTX4EoWMu6oZs80Fwtj3Ka_3a2yp9rfSeiPGdCnhwi7omespNQo08RpWKO9783eHhe6jn5D3KzA43ECDI5J6maa9VtGH09pbYnxGgN5dt&utm_content=205313495&utm_source=hs_email) | |
| **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 |