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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter and a very warm welcome to Ronnie, who has joined us in Reception . | |
| **Hexham Abbey Music Festival**  On Thursday, the Key Stage 2 children had a truly memorable experience when they visited Hexham Abbey as part of the music festival. The children took part in a performance of 'Zadok the Priest'- The coronation anthem- with the Festival Choir, accompanied by an orchestra and the Abbey organ. Then they were introduced to the different instruments in the orchestra before listening to a lively selection of music from round the world. We were really fortunate to have the opportunity to take part in the project alongside children from Allendale, Henshaw and Greenhead schools. | |
| **Ascent of Everest!**  On Tuesday 8th October, we are going to be raising money for cancer support charities by attempting to climb the height of Everest on a mobile climbing wall in school. We are organising this in association with Paul Mordue- an outdoor instructor whom we have worked with before and who is himself attempting to climb Everest next year in aid of cancer charities. All safety gear, helmets, ropes and harnesses will be supplied, and trained instructors will be supervising the sessions. The children will need to come to school on that day in trousers/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers.  There will be more details nearer the day- but for now, please note the date. We will be offering the chance for parents (and older siblings) to climb the wall before and after school and contribute to our fundraising too!  It’s a really exciting challenge to be part of- and for an extremely good cause. | |
| **Parents’ evenings this half term**  We will be holding parents’ evenings on Monday 21st October (Class 1, 2 and 3) and on Tuesday 22nd October (Class 1, 2, 3 and 4). | |
| **PE Kits**  Just a reminder- please could children in Class 2, 3 and 4 keep their PE kits (including pumps or trainers ) in school **all the time**.  PE sessions are on Thursday and Friday afternoons. | **Thank You**  - to all those parents who helped their children with the first piece of Talk homework- we had some excellent arguments in favour of pasta or pizza! |
| **Parking**  PLEASE could I request that you don’t park on the side of the road opposite school- it makes it dangerous for children trying to cross the road as other road users simply can’t see them.  Thank you. |
| 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** | |
| **September** |  |
| Wednesday 25th | School Photos |
| Thursday 26th | Class 4 visit to Beamish |
| **October** |  |
| Tuesday 8th | Mobile climbing tower in school |
| Thursday 10th | Church – all welcome |
| Thursday 17th | Nasal Flu vaccination |
| **Friday 25th** | **Break for half term** |
| **NOVEMBER** |  |
| **Monday 4th** | **Teacher training day** |
| **Tuesday 5th** | **School re-opens** |
| **DECEMBER** |  |
| Tuesday 3rd | Advent Service at church- all welcome |
| 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 |