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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter and welcome back to the second half of the autumn term.  It has been a very strange start to the half term. We have really been missing Class 3 and are looking forward to seeing them back in school on Friday.  A huge thank you again to all the parents for following the guidance and for your perseverance with Google classroom. I am aware that there have been a few teething problems but hopefully most people are now able to access this. There are some impressive scores being accumulated on Times Tables Rockstars as well.  We are always happy to provide paper copies of work if you are having trouble accessing any of the online learning at any time. | |
| **Christmas cards**  This week, your child will be bringing home a unique Christmas card, designed by them, along with an order form. If you would like to order any packs of cards, or any other products with their designs on, please return your orders to school by WEDNESDAY 11th November.  Each sale helps to raise funds for school so please support us with this. | |
| **Poppies**  We are selling poppies in school again this year and think we have devised a safe way to do this.  If the children would like to buy a poppy, please could they bring in a small donation ? | **Maths websites**  Mrs Stevens, who is our champion for all things mathematical in school, has recommended the following websites for the children to have a look at:   EY –ordering  <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/interactives/24487.html>  KS2 multiplication  <https://www.mathplayground.com/ASB_SpaceRaceMultiplication.html>  Hexblocks - problem solving - multi level all ages  <https://www.mathplayground.com/logic_hex_blocks.html> |
| **Hats and gloves- and other warm clothes!**  We have been advised that we need to keep the classroom windows open as much as possible to allow for a circulation of fresh air. As the weather gets cooler, please could children remember hats and gloves for when they are outside. They may wear long sleeved t-shirts or other additional layers under their school uniform if they start to feel the cold- although we will obviously increase the amount of time the heating is on for. Please make sure everything is clearly named. |
| **Virtual Author events**  We’re very excited to be taking part in 2 virtual meetings with authors later this month as part of the Northern Children’s Book Festival. This kind of event is brilliant for the children as they can find out first hand just how published authors approach the task of writing and creating characters.  On Wednesday 18th November, children from classes 2, 3 and 4 will be taking part in a session with Robert Starling. Class 3 and 4 will also get a chance to ‘meet’ author Tracey Corderoy on Friday 20th November. | |
| **School Lunches**  **Next week (w/c 9/11) is week 2**   |  | | --- | | Mon: spaghetti bolognese, pasta, syrup sponge and custard | | Tues: pork casserole, mash and chocolate brownie | | Weds: Chicken curry rice mousse slice | | Thurs: Mince pie, mash, iced cake | | Fri: fish fingers, chips, biscuit |   **Week beginning 16/11- week 3**   |  | | --- | | Mon: mince and dumplings, mash, apple crumble | | Tues: Mexican chicken, rice, fruit delight | | Weds: Jacket potato plus cheese/ tuna, yoghurt | | Thurs: roast beef, Yorkshire pud, carrot cake | | Fri: Fish cake, chips, muffin |   **Week beginning 23/11- week 1**   |  | | --- | | Mon: mince cobbler, mash, cheesecake | | Tues: pasta wwith tomato and basil sauce, cornflake crunch | | Weds: cheese melt, wedges, biscuit | | Thurs: sausage, mash, flapjack | | Fri: pizza, chips and chocolate cake |   All meals are served with vegetables and there is salad and bread available each day. Puddings are made using low sugar recipes and there are always alternatives of fresh fruit and yoghurt. Meals cost £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week. Please pay online via ParentMail if possible.  There is a link here to the free school meals application form: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx#freeschoolmeals>  If you think you may be eligible, please do apply. There is further information on our website here:  https://www.newbrough.northumberland.sch.uk/website/school\_lunches\_milk\_and\_fruit/227366 | |
| **Wrap around care**  Breakfast Club is up and running every day from 8am.  The cost of each session is just £4 (half price for a second child in the same family) and includes a choice of  cereals, toast and a drink.  After School Club is also open Mon-Thurs until 5.30pm and on a Friday until 4.15pm. The cost is £4 per hour or £10 for the full session - again, the second child is half price.  Mrs Johnson and Mrs Rodham have planned a series of exciting autumn themes:  Alongside this, there will be a variety of outdoor and indoor activities for the children to choose from and the children will be given a snack and light tea if they stay until 4.30pm.  Please book by ringing/ emailing the office or downloading a form from the website and returning it to school. | |
| Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do get in touch or catch me outside 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** |  |
| **November** |  |
| Wednesday 18th November | Robert Starling- virtual author visit |
| Friday 20th November | Tracey Corderoy- virtual author visit |
| **December** |  |
| Thursday 10th December | Christmas dinner  Christmas jumper day |
| Week beginning 14th December | Christmas parties- more details to follow |
| 18.12.2020 | End of autumn term |
| **January** |  |
| 4.1.2021 | Teacher Training Day |
| 5.1.2021 | Start of spring term |
| **February** |  |
| 12.2.2021 | School closes for half term holiday |
| 22.2.2021 | School re-opens |
| **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 |