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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter.  Although some of our usual autumn term activities can’t take place this year, it’s great to see that some new ones are taking place successfully and in new ways. Details of some of these are below. | |
| **Halloween Facebook Competition**  We had some amazing entries in the Friends’ first ever Facebook competition!  The winners were:  C:\Users\jo.trotter\AppData\Local\Temp\Temp1_Fb competition entries october 2020 (1).zip\Fb competition entries october 2020\spookiest pumpkin pet\cat by evey wardle year 2.jpg Spookiest pumpkin Cat by Evie in Class 2  C:\Users\jo.trotter\AppData\Local\Temp\Temp1_Fb competition entries october 2020 (1).zip\Fb competition entries october 2020\Spookiet painted pet\Spooky stones by Emma Kendrew class 3.jpg Spookiest painted pet Stones by Emma in Class 3  C:\Users\jo.trotter\AppData\Local\Temp\Temp1_Fb competition entries october 2020 (1).zip\Fb competition entries october 2020\spookiest real pet\delilah by Rowan Brown year 4.jpg Spookiest real pet Delilah by Rowan in Class 4  Thank you to Mary and Stephen Pedley, who judged the competition for us. | |
| **Stars of the week**  Congratulations to Livvy, Mahri, Jackson, Anthony, Alex, Evie, Elsie, George, Xav, Addison, Emily, Kieron and Isaac who have really impressed their teachers over the past 2 weeks and been awarded certificates in our Friday celebration assemblies. | |
| **Christmas cards**  Thank you to all of you who have supported this. Hopefully, your cards will be in school by the end of November.  Thank you to the Friends for organising such a lovely fundraising activity. | **New Gatepost**  A huge thank you to James Wardle and Andrew Gibson who gave up a weekend to put in a new gatepost for us so that we can actually use the gate!  Field Gate Large - Wood Gate Png, Transparent Png - kindpng |
| **Maths websites**  Mrs Stevens, who is our champion for all things mathematical in school, has recommended the following app for the children to have a look at:  *Touchcounts*  Be warned- Mrs Stevens has said it is totally amazing! | **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 KS2  Another Twist in the Tale – Catherine Burton:  Enthralling period spin off following Twill Twist, Sister of Oliver Twist, as she discovers mysteries in an atmospheric re-imagining of Charles Dickens’ London. Recommended for KS2. |
| **Virtual Author events**  We’re very excited to be taking part in 2 virtual meetings with authors this week 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. | |
| Our Governors are an incredibly hard working group of volunteers who take a strategic overview of the running of the school, acting as a critical friend to the leadership team. Mary Pedley, our Chair, has written the following:  **What our governors have been doing this term.**  Because of the pandemic, it has not been possible for any of our governors to meet in school, so we have been meeting through online virtual meetings. There are 2 committees, both of which have met regularly, along with our termly full Governing Body meeting: We are not idle!  Some of the items we have looked at:   * Completion of the replaced floor in the hall * Budget implications arising from Covid expenditure (and not met by the government) * Loss of school catering income during the lockdown * Loss of monies raised from school events (because of lockdown) * Staff annual pay awards (DfE) * Children’s attendance in school * Communication with parents * Safeguarding and regular updating Risk Assessments * Pupil progress, learning in class and online learning. ‘Google classroom’ – interactive learning program being installed. Parents learning re these * Allocation of DfE ‘catch up’ funding to boost learning missed during lockdown * Updating of policies. Completion of Relationships and sex education policy * Staffing structure * Governor monitoring where possible virtually * School priorities for this academic year   As chair of governors, I am in regular contact with Mrs Trotter to discuss daily and weekly progress in all aspects of school life. Our vice chair, Barbara Mansfield, Mrs Trotter and I also meet virtually every 2/3 weeks to ensure governors are doing the right things…though our main objective is to support our amazing head teacher and her excellent team of staff. We are incredibly grateful for everything they do for our children and you, their parents. It’s a lot!  Mary Pedley. Chair of governors. Nov 2020 | |
| **School Lunches**  **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 with tomato and basil sauce, cornflake crunch | | Weds: cheese melt, wedges, biscuit | | Thurs: sausage, mash, flapjack | | Fri: pizza, chips and chocolate cake |   **Week beginning 30th November 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 |   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 Christmas activities.  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 |
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| 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 |