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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter. The evenings are starting to get lighter- which means that it’s possible to arrange some after school sporting fixtures. The first one is next week- see below. | | |
| **Staffing Update**  Welcome to Miss Quigley who will be teaching alongside Mr Chapman in Class 3 this term. We hope you enjoy your time at Newbrough. | | |
| **Football fixtures**  Both our girls’ and boys’ football teams will be in action over the next few weeks.  The first match is next Wednesday, when the boys team will be playing Allendale here at Newbrough. | | **Tag Rugby Tournament**  There will be a tag rugby tournament taking place here on Tuesday 11th February between Newbrough and other local schools.  More details to follow. |
| **Don’t forget:**  **Online safety – an information session for parents Tuesday 4th February 2.30 pm**  If you want to know what the latest online trends are for children or are concerned about how to keep your child safe online, then come along to an informal session run by John Devlin- the E-safety Officer for Northumberland County Council. This session is **FREE** and should be useful and informative. | | |
| **Stars of the Week**  Each week, class teachers give a certificate to a child (or children) who has really impressed them.  Our stars last week were Alfie, Alex, Aubrey, Leila, Bobby, Brooke and Billyjames, . A special Headteacher’s award was given to Xavier for his amazing attitude to everything he does in school. Well done to all of you! | | |
| **Collective Worship**  This week, our theme has been ‘compassion’- one of our core values. As part of our discussions around this topic, the children have decided that they would like to raise money to help people and wildlife that has been affected by the devastating bush fires in Australia.  Further details to follow. | | **RE:**  In RE, this half term, the children are exploring key questions linked to the theme of ‘The Gospel’.  In KS1 the key question is ‘What is the good news Jesus brings?’; Class 3 are considering ‘What kind of world did Jesus want?’ while the question for Class 4 is ‘What would Jesus do?’ |
| **Cleaning vacancy**  We are currently looking for someone to clean on a Friday afternoon or evening for 2 hours plus occasional relief cleaning on other days.  If you are interested, please ask for more information. | | **Building Work**  Just a reminder that the replacement cladding work should be starting on February 3rd. |
| **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 KS1:  ‘The Immortal Jellyfish by Sang Miao - A young boy meets his beloved grandfather in a dream and they embark on a captivating journey which helps to overcome his grief. Uplifting artwork and a tender book covering the subject of grief with a delicate touch.’ | **Mrs Stevens’ Motivating Maths:**  Mrs Stevens is our lead teacher for Maths in school and she is passionate about all things mathematical.  She has recommended the following website:  A variety of counting games and more...  <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting> | |
| 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** | |
| **JANUARY** |  |
| **Wednesday 29th January** | Newbrough V Allendale football match |
| **Thursday 30th January** | ‘Open the Book ‘ in school |
| **FEBRUARY** |  |
| **Monday 3rd February** | Scheduled start date for building work |
| **Tuesday 4th February** | 2.30pm Online safety workshop for parents |
| **Wednesday 5th Feb** | Vindolanda follow up workshop in school |
| **Tuesday 11th Feb** | Tag Rugby tournament |
| **Wednesday 12th Feb** | Class 3 visit to Great North Museum |
| **Thursday 13th Feb** | ‘Open the Book ‘ in school |
| **Friday 14th Feb** | Break up for half term |
| **Monday 24th Feb** | School returns |
| **Thursday 27th Feb** | ‘Open the Book ‘ in school |
| **MARCH** |  |
| **Monday 30th March** | Parent Consultations |
| **Tuesday 1st April** | Parent Consultations |
| **Friday 3rd April** | School closes for Easter |