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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter.  As you will know, the local area restrictions are becoming tighter from today and there are confirmed cases of coronavirus within our local communities. Thank you to everyone for continuing to follow the latest rules and guidance. We are still awaiting the detail from the Department of Health but it appears that informal childcare arrangements are still permitted *’on an exclusive basis - always the same two households’.*  We are continuing to follow the most up to date Government advice in school and our latest risk assessment is on the website should you wish to read it.  If you have any concerns or you are unsure of anything, please do get in touch or speak to one of us at the start or end of the day. | | |
| **Stars of the week:**  Each week, class teachers decide on their star learners-children who have really impressed them during the week.  Our stars for the week ending September 18th were: Phoebe, Bertie, Libby, Martha W, Holly, and all of Class 4.  For the week ending September 25th: Leon B, Lewis, Poppy, Kai, William and Brooke.  Really well done to you all! | | |
| **Google Classroom**  Google classroom is an online platform where teachers can set work for children, children can complete the work and it can then be marked. We now have a school platform set up and will be teaching the children how to use it in school over the next couple of weeks. This means that we can continue to work with the children if any of them, or any classes, have to self-isolate in the coming weeks and months. However, I appreciate that not everyone has access to the internet, and not all children have access to laptops or tablets at home.  Next week, I am planning to send out a survey which will gather this information so that we can plan our remote learning – should it be needed. | **Friends of Newbrough School**  The Friends of Newbrough held their first committee meeting this week. As parents, you are all automatically members of our Friends Association. Look out for information on some new and exciting ideas for activities this term. | |
| **School Lunches**  We are now serving hot school lunches every day. The children have adapted really quickly to the new arrangements and it’s great to see people back in the hall.  The menu for the next 2 weeks is below:  M- 5th Oct Spaghetti Bolognese Syrup sponge and custard  Tu Pork casserole Chocolate brownie  Wed Chicken curry Mousse slice  Thurs Mince pie Iced cake  Fri Fish fingers and chips Biscuit  M 12th Oct Mince and dumplings Apple crumble  Tu Mexican chicken Fruit delight  Wed Jacket potato and cheese/tuna Yoghurt  Thurs Roast beef Carrot cake  Fri Fish cake and chips Muffin  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. You can pay online via ParentMail.  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 | | |
| **Flu vaccinations**  These are taking place on Monday 5th October and a full risk assessment has been carried out for this.  Paper copies of the consent form are still available from school. | | **School books**  If you have any books at home which belong to the school, please could you return them as soon as possible? All of the children brought home a book/ s in March and we haven’t had them all back yet. |
| **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. The children will be either with Mrs Hodgson or Miss Webster.  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:  Week 5 Apple crumble  Week 6: Painting pasta.  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 tea if they stay until 4.30pm.  Please book by ringing/ emailing the office or downloading a form from the website and returning 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** |  |
| **October** |  |
| 23.10.20 | School closes for half term holiday |
| **November** |  |
| 2.11.2020 | Teacher Training Day |
| 3.11.2020 | School re-opens |
| **December** |  |
| 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 |