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| **Dear Parents,**  Happy New Year!  Welcome back to all of our children and an especially warm welcome to Evie, Mahri, Tom, Ophelia, Ruby, Olivia and Isla who have all joined Class 1 this week. We hope you will be very happy in school. | | |
| **Staffing Update**  Welcome also to **Miss Webster** who has been appointed to work alongside Mrs Hodgson in Breakfast Club every morning. We have also appointed **Mrs Rodham** to work in After School Club with Mrs Johnson and she should be joining us soon.  **Mrs Graham** will be returning from maternity leave after February half term and will be teaching Class 2 from Monday to Wednesday. **Mrs Whitfield** will continue to teach in Class 2 on a Thursday morning and all day on Friday .Thursday afternoon will continue to be PE with Mr Thompson and music with Mr Knox. | | |
| **Friends/ PTA update**  Thank you to all of you who bought raffle tickets for our magnificent Christmas hampers. The grand total raised was an amazing £288!  We will shortly be starting work on a new pond dipping area in the playground, complete with proper dipping platforms so that the children can safely explore the pond habitat. This is the first phase of the playground improvements that we have been fund-raising for. | | **Swimming**  Don’t forget- swimming starts on Monday for children in Class 2 and Class 3. Please can all the children bring their labelled kit in a labelled bag on Monday morning. We would also ask for a contribution towards the cost of the lessons and transport of £2.50 per week per child. |
| **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. | | |
| **Building work**  We have managed to secure funding to replace the cladding on the outside of school and are hoping that the building work will begin on **Monday 3rd February.** It should only last a few weeks.  We will work with the construction company to keep disruption to a minimum but there will inevitably be some temporary changes. For example, you may be asked to collect your child from a different door. I will do my best to keep you informed as the work progresses. | | |
| **Stars of the Week**  Each week, class teachers give a certificate to a child (or children) who has really impressed them.  Our stars this week were: Layla, Leon A., Aimee-Lia, Cory and Jacob. A special Headteacher’s award was given to Poppy for being polite, friendly and helpful. | | |
| **Cleaning vacancy**  We will shortly be advertising for a part-time cleaner.  If you, or anyone you know , might be interested, please get in touch.  The full details should be posted on our Facebook page next week. | | **Zumba**  Zumba starts next Friday, 17th January from 3.15-4.15.  Other after school clubs for the spring term will be announced shortly. |
| **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:  ‘The Accidental Rock Star’ by Tom McLaughlin- When Ollie gets his recorder and keyboard out and starts jamming with Hector, an unlikely hit single results and the duo are catapulted to stardom. But fame isn't quite what they expected. | **Mrs Stevens’ Motivating Maths:**  Mrs Stevens is our lead teacher for Maths in school and she is passionate about all things mathematical.  Take a look at the Oxford Owl website below – you can sign up for free and keep track of your scores: there are some good games from your multiplication practice.  <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/> | |
| 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** |  |
| **Monday 13th January** | Swimming begins for Class 2 and Class 3 |
| **Thursday 16th January** | ‘Open the Book ‘ in school |
| **Friday 17th January** | Zumba starts |
| **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 |
| **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 |
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