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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter.  It’s been a really busy fortnight with lots happening- and many more things planned for the weeks ahead.  As always, please ask if you need more information or are unsure about anything. | |
| **Huge Congratulations**  I know that you will be delighted to hear that Mrs Graham had a baby girl yesterday and that mother and baby are both doing well | |
| **Stars of the week**  There is some fantastic learning happening all across school at the moment- so much so that teachers are having to award extra certificates each week!  Our stars this week are Iris, Ruby, Kai, Callum, Amy, Lilly, Noah, Holly, Joseph and Bobby. The headteacher’s award goes to Olivia.  Last week our stars were Henry, Thomas, Archie S, Antony, Bonnie, Aubrey, Zach, Luke S, Ruth and George and the headteacher’s award went to Vinny.  Really well done to you all! | |
| **School Council**  Our new school council met for the first time this week. Our representatives are:  Ruth and Bobby (Class 4), Leon and Edie (Class 3), Layla and Lewis (Class 2) and Thomas and Livvy (Class 1).  The school council are also going to be leading on our Eco-schools work with Mrs Stevens. | |
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| Our new graphic novel club was very well attended at it’s first session last week and they have recommended some books to look out for.  **Graphic Novel Club Recommendations:**  Individually and collectively, we have been exploring a range of graphic novels. At the end of each session we discuss what we have read and decide on novels to celebrate and share in our classrooms. We would also like to share our favourite graphic novels with you! We recommend the following:   * Miles Morales Shock Waves – ‘Because it has lots of adventure in it’ Doug * Amulet –‘It’s the best book I’ve ever read. It’s good if you like exploring and creepy books’ Ellie and Aubrey * .Artemis Fowl – ‘It was really funny, we enjoyed the evil-looking characters.’ – Luke * The Hobbit – ‘There are adventures and you have to get out of a difficult situation and it’s similar if not better than the movie.’ | C:\Users\jo.trotter\Downloads\IMG_0270.JPG |
| **Save the date: Early Bird PE**  We are running some Early Bird PE sessions on **Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th October** and **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th October.**  All children can join these sessions which start at **8.30 am** and will hopefully take place on the field- weather permitting.  The children should come to school dressed appropriately for being active.  I’m delighted to let you know that Shelly Dronfield- who runs the Zumba club- is coming to lead the Thursday sessions for us and Mr Chapman will be leading the Wednesday sessions. | |
| **Y5 and 6 PE afternoon**  The Year 5 and 6 children are going to be taking part in a sports afternoon with Y5 and 6 children from Allendale, Greenhead and Henshaw Primary schools at Allendale. The provisional date for this is Monday 11th October.  There will be a separate letter for parents with further details next week. | **Y5 and 6 Options evening**  Thank you to the parents who attended this.  The feedback we have received has been very positive- so I am glad you found it useful.  If you were not able to attend on the evening, but would like further information about our Y5/6 offer, please do get in touch.  There is also an open invitation to parents to come and see Y5/6 in action. Just get in touch with myself or Mr Chapman and we will sort out a date and time. |
| **Friends of Newbrough Primary School**  Friends are holding their first face to face meeting since the start of Covid-19 next week.  The meeting will be held in The Red Lion, Newbrough on Thursday 30th September, starting at 7pm.  They'll be looking at what they have to do to finish the current stage of the pond project and what is next, other fundraising opportunities for this term as well as the rest of the year plus looking forward to the AGM towards the end of term.  All are welcome! | **Lunchtime Waste**  This week, as part of our green week, we have been trying to reduce the amount of waste at lunchtime.  I am very pleased to report that we have reduced the amount of food waste from 3200g on Monday to 1800g today. The amount of packed lunch waste also reduced from 500g on Monday to 180g .  The children have asked if we can have a new compost bin for all of the fruit waste- so this will help reduce the amount we throw away even further.  Well done everyone! |
| Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch. If I don’t know there is a problem, I can’t sort it out.  Jo Trotter | |

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| **Dates for your diary** |  |
| **September** |  |
| Wednesday 6th October | Early Bird PE 8.30 am |
| Thursday 7th October | Early Bird PE 8.30 am |
| Wednesday 13th October | Early Bird PE 8.30 am |
| Thursday 14th October | Early Bird PE 8.30 am |
| Friday 15th October | Flu Vaccines |
| Week commencing 18th October | Parent consultations |
| **Friday 22nd October** | **Break for half term** |
| Monday 1st November | Teacher training day |
| **Tuesday 2nd November** | **Children return to school** |
| **Friday 17th December** | **Break for Christmas** |
| Tuesday 4th January | Teacher training day |
| **Wednesday 5th January** | **Children return to school** |
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