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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome back to the summer term- and a warm welcome to James and Mackai who both started in Nursery this week. We hope you will be very happy at Newbrough.  Welcome also to Miss Harper who will be teaching Year 2 on Thursdays and Fridays this term. We hope you enjoy your time with us.  We are all keeping our fingers-crossed that the Government’s ‘roadmap’ will continue as planned .  I have included possible dates for some potential events later this term at the end of the newsletter- but these will obviously be kept under review as the term progresses. | |
| **Staffing update**  I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Graham is expecting her second baby in September and so will be starting her maternity leave at the end of term. We will shortly be advertising for someone to cover her absence.  Mrs Rodham is also expecting another baby in the summer and so we will be recruiting for someone to work in After School Club. Warmest congratulations to both of them! | |
| **Learning this term**  Class 1 are busy finding signs of spring. They have converted the blue house into a bird hide and are enjoying using the new binoculars to watch the birds which come to visit the feeders. There has been lots of peeling and hammering of willow sticks to make amazing goblin gardens- with lots of writing letters to go with them!    Year 1 and 2 are studying plants this half term. In Year 1, the children are doing lots of fantastic literacy work around ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ while the Year 2s are enjoying working on some different ‘chapter books’ starting with ‘Mr Majeika’.  \\sfiles\SimsHomeDrive$\users\Jo.Trotter\newsletters\IMG_0418[1].JPG\\sfiles\SimsHomeDrive$\users\Jo.Trotter\newsletters\plants.JPG  Year 3 and 4 children are using ‘Odd and the Frost Giants’ by Neil Gaiman as their literacy focus which ties in well with their history work on ‘The Vikings’. Class 4 are completing their work on Northumbrian saints before moving on to look at a geography topic on the Northumberland National Park. Their class text is ‘Amari and the Night Brothers’ by BB Alston. | |
| **Yemen appeal**  The final total that the children raised for Yemen was a fantastic £402! Thanks to everyone who supported this. This has now been sent to the UNICEF Yemen appeal. | **Parent Consultations**  We will be holding parent consultations during the week beginning 17th May. It is likely that we will offer a mix of face to face and virtual sessions so that you can pick which suits you. More details to follow. |
| **Early Bird PE**  We are going to hold two Early Bird PE sessions on **Wednesday 26th May and Thursday 27th May.** The children can arrive in school from **8.30 am** and will be able to join in with PE sessions on the school field. Each class will have their own area and their own set of equipment to work with- so that we are maintaining our bubble groups. Please can the children wear PE kits on these 2 days.  All children are welcome to take part. | **Dates for your diaries:**  We are hoping to hold a sports day on Wednesday 7th July and an ‘End of Year’ celebration on Wednesday 14th July. More details of these will follow as we get closer to the dates. |
| **Wrap around care**  Breakfast and After school clubs are now running every day- and getting busier and busier! Mrs Johnson and Mrs Rodham have planned some lovely activities for the next few weeks.  Please help us plan our activities and staffing by booking by Friday of the previous week at the latest. | |
| **Free School Meals**  If you think you may now be eligible for free school meals, please do apply as the school gains additional funding to support your child.  There is a link here to the free school meals application form: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx#freeschoolmeals>  There is further information on our website here:  https://www.newbrough.northumberland.sch.uk/website/school\_lunches\_milk\_and\_fruit/227366 | |
| **And finally:**  If you have any question or concerns, please do get in touch. If I don’t know there is a problem, I can’t sort it out.  Jo Trotter (Headteacher) | |

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| **Dates for your diary** | |
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| **Monday 3rd May** | **Bank holiday** |
| **Week beginning 17th May** | **Parent Consultation evenings** |
| **Wednesday 26th May** | **8.30 am Early Bird PE** |
| **Thursday 27th May** | **8.30 am Early Bird PE** |
| **Friday 28th May** | **Finish for half term** |
| **Monday 7th June** | **Return to school** |
| **Wednesday 7th July** | ***Sports Day- provisional date*** |
| **Wednesday 14th July** | **End of Year celebration – *provisional date*** |
| **Friday 16th July** | **Term ends** |
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