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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter. | |
| **Coronavirus**  **All schools are receiving frequent updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England. The current message is that there will be no blanket closure of schools at the moment.**  **The latest advice is that you should stay at home for 7 days if you have either:**   * **a high temperature and/or** * **a new continuous cough**   **This advice also applies to children who develop symptoms.**  **The situation is changing daily. We will continue to keep you updated as best we can via the Facebook page and by Parentmail . The latest information is also displayed on posters in school.**  **If you have any concerns or queries, please get in touch.** | |
| **Building work**  The work to replace the cladding is progressing as well as it can, given the changeable weather!  **Thank you to all of you for your co-operation** with the changes in routine at the start and end of the day.  It is likely that you will continue to be asked to hand the children over to staff at the door near the bike shed for the next couple of weeks.  **If you would like to speak to your child’s class teacher, or to me, please just ask the member of staff on duty at the door, catch us after school or leave a message in the school office and we will call you back.** | |
| **Potato book characters**  Thank you to all of you who helped your children make their fantastic book characters.  The results were truly amazing- inventive and imaginative.  The potatoes were judged by a panel and the winning entries were: ‘Room on a broom’ by Phoebe, ‘Aragog’ (from Harry Potter) by Bobby and, the overall winner, ‘James and the Giant Peach’ by Cory. | |
| **SIAMS Inspection**  Last Friday, Mr David Tait was in school to carry out our SIAMS inspection. We are very pleased with how the day went but the result remains confidential until the report is published.  This should be in about two weeks’ time. I will send the report to parents when it arrives. | |
| **Insect Sculptures**  The children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 have begun work on some amazing insect sculptures as part of our ongoing arts project with the Queen’s Hall in Hexham. Next week, they will be covering the framework using recycled materials. The sculptures should be really dramatic when they are completed. | |
| **Mothering Sunday**  There will be a special service in St Peter’s Church on Mothering Sunday.  **See details below:**  **St Peter’s Church, Newbrough**  **MOTHERING SUNDAY**  **22nd March 2020**  **A SERVICE FOR ALL**  **“Comforting, Guiding, Feeding”**  **10.00 a.m.**  **with cake, flowers, good news,**  **and a moment to say**  **“Thanks, Mam!”** | |
| **And finally…..**  As ever, your views and feedback are on any matter, large or small, are very welcome.  Please feel free to catch me before or after school or give me a ring during the day. | |
| **Dates for your diary** | |
| **Wednesday 18th March** | **SAMBA workshop** |
| **Wednesday 25th March** | **SAMBA workshop** |
| **Friday 27th March** | **Last Zumba session before Easter** |
| **Monday 30th March** | **Parent Consultations** |
| **Tuesday 1st April** | **Parent Consultations** |
| **Friday 3rd April** | **School closes for Easter** |
| **Monday 20th April** | **School reopens** |
| **Friday 22nd May** | **TEACHER TRAINING DAY** |