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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter.  We’re almost at the end of a long half term- but it has absolutely flown by. The children have settled well back in to school, there is a really calm and purposeful atmosphere and huge progress visible in each class.  It looks likely that there will be coronavirus restrictions in place for a long time yet- but we will continue to refine and adapt what we are doing so that school life continues in as nearly normal way as possible.  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 2nd October were: Ophelia, Bonnie, Vinny, Ellie T, Ruth W,  For the week ending October 9th: Isla, Elsie, Isaac, Luke S, Joseph and Lilly  Really well done to you all! | | |
| **Virtual parents evenings**  You will shortly be receiving a message from your child’s class teacher with a link to a Googlemeet.  Meetings will be taking place over the first part of next week and will be on different days and at different times for each class. There may well be technical hitches but please bear with us as we try to meet with you virtually. Our Wifi signal isn’t great in school and school laptops are also antiquated! If something goes wrong with the meeting link , then class teachers will ring you. Some people have expressed a preference for a telephone conversation- and again class teachers will ring you. | | **Times tables Rockstars/ Numbots**  It’s great to see so many of the children enjoying Times Tables Rockstars. We have also subscribed to a linked site called Numbots which has a wider maths focus. More of the activities on this site will be accessible for the younger children. The children use the same log in for both sites.  [play.numbots.com](https://play.numbots.com/)  img.cdn.schooljotter2.com/sampled/13328798/591/... |
| **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 next week is:  **Monday :** Mince cobbler with creamed potatoes and veg. Cheesecake **Tuesday:** Pasta with Tomato and Basil sauce and veg. Cornflake crunch with custard **Wednesday:** Cheese melt with wedges and veg. Biscuit **Thursday:** Sausage with creamed potatoes and veg. Chocolate cake **Friday**: Pizza with chips and beans. Flapjack  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. Please pay online via ParentMail if possible.  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 | | |
| **What we are reading in school**  We base lots of our work in school around books.  Class 1 are currently using the story of ‘Goldilocks’ ; Class 2 are enjoying ‘Traction Man’ by Mini Grey; Class 3 are basing some amazing writing on ‘The Firework Maker’s daughter by Phillip Pullman and Class 4 are reading ‘Wonder’ by RJ Palacio. | **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 EYFS/ KS1.  What We'll Build  **Suitable for age 3-5**  *A story of a father and daughter making plans to build a world that will keep them safe in the future* | |
| **School books**  We are still missing quite a few reading books which went home in March.  Please could everyone have a good look at home and see if you can find any books belonging to school? |
| **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:  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 |