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14th May 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, the next part of the plan to move out of lockdown takes place on May 17th 2021. Our risk assessments for the whole school remain the same until we are given further guidance from the Local Authority. This makes it difficult to plan events for the summer term and we would ask parents to be patient as we are working very hard behind the scenes to try and organise transition events or alternative events during the summer term.

Testing reminder for parents and carers

We would ask parents not to use LFD tests if a child or a member of the family shows symptoms. Please see below...

Have coronavirus symptoms and need a test?

If anyone in your household has symptoms you need to book a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as soon as possible. For more information and to book a PCR test visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call NHS test and trace free on 119.

As coronavirus symptoms in children can vary it is advised that children who are unwell should not attend school until they are well again.

If you have difficulty accessing a PCR test your school may be able to help, as most schools retain a small stock of these tests.

Alternatively Durham County Council offers support to people seeking further advice about coronavirus through the County Durham Together Community Hub, details of which can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help or by phoning 03000 260 260.

Bookbags- bringing items to school

We are asking all of our children to bring in their red book bag to school so that we can send reading books home. If your child has not got one, they can purchase these for £5.00 by going to <https://totstoteams.com/> We would ask Rec-Y3 to bring these in each Friday and sent home again on Monday. Year 4, 5 and 6 children must bring theirs on Monday to take home on Friday.

We have had an increase of additional items being brought into school (chew toys, fidget toys and sweets). We would ask that chew toys prescribed by GP/OT will only be accepted. We would ask that children do not bring any additional items in. Thank you.

Website

Usually, you would receive a class newsletter from your child's class every term. This information can be found on your child's class page on our website.

School Photographer- Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Friday 21st May. It is important that all children (Rec-Y6) are in full school uniform including black school shoes. Afternoon Nursery children can come to school at 9am- via the pupil entrance- for their photo. Parents will be asked to wait outside and can take their child home again after the photograph is taken.

All other children will have their class photo taken during the morning.



Facebook: Say NO to Consett Incinerator

Visual scale of the proposed Incinerator at Hownsgill Park in Consett

- A private company wants to build an incinerator to burn 60,000t of waste which is not Durham's waste!
- The incinerator will produce it's own waste, fly ash 7,200t, bottom ash 1,200t and 1,000t of spent chemicals. Landfill and power stations have to pay tax for the burden their pollution creates on society. Incinerators don't pay tax for the waste they burn and as major CO2 emitters.
- It will be too close to homes, Consett town centre, our listed buildings and the Derwent Walk. Incinerators are 3 times more likely to be built in more deprived neighbourhoods and bear the brunt of the negatives.
- Due to the large scale and industrial nature of this incinerator we would experience substantial, adverse and permanent visual effects.
- It will bring unacceptable harm and be detrimental to the setting and to the character of our surrounding landscape of Consett.
- Incinerators harm recycling, our air quality and contribute to climate change.
- Incinerators are not better than landfill and they are not green energy! Incinerators will be the dirtiest form of energy production once coal is phased out.
- Incinerators are BAD neighbours – noise, ash, traffic, vibration, odours, litter, flies, rodents, emissions.
- Emmissions include dioxins, NOx and ultrafine particulate matter that can be harmful to both human health and the natural environment. There is not enough monitoring, enforcement or transparency!
- Traffic: there will be 22 HGV movements per day carrying waste in and out, across Consett, County Durham and the North East.
- The alternatives: a circular economy. Wales are world leaders at recycling, they have a moratorium with immediate effect for no new incinerators to be built to ensure they successfully move to a circular economy. Why not England, the UK? The UK already faces incineration overcapacity.



Derwent Walk – C2C – Heritage Trail

All flank the proposed incinerator to be situated in between the Terris Novalis and Hownsgill Viaduct it would be highly visible to users of this recreational route causing substantial adverse, permanent and therefore, significant effects to users. Not forgetting the noise, odour, litter, ash and emissions!

There is also a Facebook group that you can sign up to in order to get updates

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/665610114135682/?ref=share> I am sure that this would be

something that none of our families would want to see in our community so please share and say No to Consett Incinerator!

Contacting us

We do see the importance of home and school working together to ensure that each and every child is happy, safe and well cared for. We thought it was important to remind parents and carers systems for getting in touch. We have including the guidelines from Tapestry again.

Tapestry- DO

- Do message if you want to share something positive from home
- Do message if you have a small query or would like to find out something simple
- Do message if your child has any minor worries, for example: *'Jack didn't quite understand fractions today, could you please point me in the direction of where I can get some further practise work for him'*

DON'T

- Please do not use Tapestry app to raise an issue, please contact the school office in the usual way: enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk or 01207 502938
- Please do not message via Tapestry to notify school of absences or illnesses – this should be done via the school office as normal
- Please do not use Tapestry to message about any urgent or serious issues; please use the school office and normal school procedures for this. Remember in most cases your child's class teacher will have responsibility for the whole class while your child is isolating so will only be able to access the app before or after the school teaching day.

REMEMBER

Teachers will always endeavour to reply as quickly as possible. However, please bear in mind that school life can be incredibly busy and whilst every effort will be made to reply or acknowledge messages, there may be a slight delay on occasion. Additionally, please do not expect a reply to any messages sent after 4.30pm or on a weekend as teachers will not be able to reply.

Sickness/Appointments- Please report this to the school office by telephoning 01207 502938 and not Tapestry.

Timetable Rockstars

Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week			
Rank	Name	Year Group	Score this week
☆ 1 🏆	Ted I	Year 3	17,720
2	Charlie D	Year 3	15,653
3	Chloe W	Year 4	14,755
4	Jordyn R	Year 5	13,605
5	Freddy R	Year 3	12,367

Attendance for this week

	<u>Class</u>
1 st Place	Y4-97.6%
2 nd Place	Y2-96.9%
3 rd Place	Y3 and Y6 95.7%
5 th Place	Reception 94.8%
6 th Place	Year 1- 93.2%
7 th Place	Nursery- 90.2%

Free School Meal Vouchers

We have been informed that we will receive vouchers from the Local Authority. This is The COVID Local Support Grant payment and it will be £20 per eligible child.

We will issue these vouchers in the week leading up to half term for those families eligible for Free School Meals. We will do this via email.

Please contact the school office if your circumstances have changed.