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16th July 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

There will be a further newsletter on Monday 19th July that should hopefully keep you informed of timings for the school day in September. We just did not want to overload you with too much information all at once. I am also mindful that guidance and information, could change, which may mean any new arrangements could be subject to change too.

New appointments

We have appointed Holly Thompson to teach in Year 4 while Carly is on maternity leave and Jo Clamp will join our Key Stage team to support Sally in Year 6. They will both take up their positions on the 1st September when we return from our summer holidays. Please see below for further staffing information.

Nursery: Nicola and Giovanna

Reception: Louise and Karen (Hazel will work between Nursery and Reception)

Year 1: Laura and Jacqueline

Year 2: Fiona and Hayley

Year 3: Charlotte (Monday and Tuesday)/William (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), Ashleigh and Joanna

Year 4: Holly/Emma (Friday) and Lindsay

Year 5: Jillian and Jan

Year 6: Sally/ Emma (Monday) and Jo

Carly will be non-class based from September and will go on maternity leave at the end of September. William will be non-class based Monday and Tuesday as he will be working with Northumbria University to teach Maths which is very exciting for them and also for us as a school too. Charlotte will be based in Year 3 on Monday and Tuesday. Emma will teach in Year 6 every Monday and Year 4 every Friday.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

In line with current restrictions, we are only taking those families who had a place for Breakfast and After School Club, in the summer term, on the 1st September. We are anticipating that Breakfast Club will run from 8am to 8.30am and After School Club will run from 3.00 until 4.30pm certainly in the first week (**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER DUE TO STAFF TRAINING**).

If you no longer require your place, please let us know as soon as possible. Please note we will be unable to take any families where balances have not been paid fully on ParentPay.

Updated information from Public Health (already shared via Tapestry)

Be Aware, Be Safe

We are currently seeing increasing Covid-19 infection rates in the north of County Durham and it is therefore really important that we all follow public health guidance and remain vigilant.

The majority of cases across our communities are the Delta variant, currently the main variant nationally, which is more transmittable which means that contacts of cases are now more likely to become infected themselves.

However, measures to control the variant are the same and the more robust you are in following these measures, the better protected you and your loved ones are.

As always please follow the Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air guidance. Socialise outside wherever you can. While restrictions are being lifted on 19 July please continue to exercise great caution when mixing indoors beyond this date, as the virus can spread more easily in enclosed spaces.

Two doses of a coronavirus vaccination provide the best protection against the virus. Please attend both appointments as soon as you can.

If you get any symptoms you must self-isolate and book a free test via the NHS website: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test If you are identified as a contact of a case, you too must self-isolate and arrange to have a test as soon as you can. It is a legal requirement that anyone with symptoms or who is a contact of a case self-isolates until they get their test result.

People without symptoms are encouraged to do twice weekly Lateral Flow Device tests at home and to report the results online. Testing kits are available at council venues and pharmacies.

All the latest guidance and information on how to access testing can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Timestable Rockstars- Well done to our Top 5!

Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week			
Rank	Name	Year Group	Score this week
☆ 1 🏆	Bella E	Year 3	38,454
2	Josh S	Year 3	37,860
3	Freddy R	Year 3	30,801
4	Corben M	Year 3	20,390
5	Gabriella H	Year 3	9,328

Attendance for this week

	<u>Class</u>
1 st Place	Year 3 97.3%
2 nd Place	Reception 97.1%
3 rd Place	Year 1 96.2%
4 th Place	Year 5 95.5%
5 th Place	Year 4 94.7%
6 th Place	Year 2 93.8%
7 th Place	Year 6 93.1%
8 th Place	Nursery 89%

Contact details

Please ensure that we have the correct contact details for you. It is your responsibility as a parent/carer to inform us if you change your address or your phone number.

Mental Health Team- Transition Support Sessions

The dates and times of sessions to support with transition were shared via Tapestry. Please let Rachel C know by the end of today whether you would like to book onto any of the sessions.