

# Morpeth First School



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Newsletter Autumn 1

Dear Families,

Welcome to the new academic year! The children have arrived in school full of energy and enthusiasm after their summer holiday. It has been wonderful to see them enjoying learning in their new classes, seeing their friends and making new ones, and doing all of this with smiles on their faces.



There will be some rather tired children coming home tonight after such a busy week, so plenty of rest and cuddles may be needed this weekend, as they have all done brilliantly well and given 100% effort all week. Thank you to parents for ensuring children arrive in school for 8.45am, as lessons have been able to start promptly once all of the children are settled in.

#### Queen Elizabeth

We will be talking to the children, and supporting them, in relation to the death of The Queen over the coming weeks.

Our school will open a book of remembrance, and we will use some of the children's books we have in school about bereavement, as well as using Newsround to communicate child friendly news coverage in class where appropriate.

Our Nurture Nook is a fabulous resource where

children can go if they need some quiet, reflective time.

When details are released regarding any school closures, then I will inform you immediately.

# <u>Uniform</u>

Thank you for making sure that the children have the correct uniform and PE kit in school. I know this can be expensive, and the labelling with names can take a little time, but the children learn best when they feel confident, smart and take a sense of take pride in their appearance.

We have donated our preloved uniform to Stobhill Links, so please pop along there if you wish to pick up any free items.

Please can you make sure children come to school with a coat, as the weather has been very changeable this week with some heavy downpours, despite being dry in the mornings. Thank you.

#### Curriculum information sessions

The staff from each year group will be running an informal coffee session for parents and carers to come along to find out more information about how learning in their new class is organised and the experiences the children will get. This is also an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, find out how to support your child at home, and ask any general questions.





If you need to speak to them about your individual child the please contact them via See-Saw or telephone the school office to arrange a telephone call. If you are unable to attend, please do not worry, as all of the information given out will also be sent home with the children, and there will be a parents evening appointment offered to you before October half term.

The dates and time are;

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am Year 3 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am Year 2 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am Year 4 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am Year 1 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am Nursery

# Parents evening

The first parent consultation for your child will take place in the final week before October half term (dates to be confirmed). We offer a choice of a face to face appointment or a virtual one (via SchoolCloud), so class teachers will send out information shortly regarding how to book a slot.

# Trip consent forms/ Medication

We are delighted that educational visits will continue this year, so please make sure you have completed and returned the consent form for your child to be able to go out on a trip.

If your child requires medication to be kept in school, please make sure that it is in date and has been returned to school. Any children who have a Healthcare Plan need to ensure it is up to date and return it to school to Mrs Moody, our First Aid Officer.

# Allergies

We have a number of children in school with allergies to eggs, so if you are sending your child with a packed lunch, please can you avoid any egg fillings in order to minimise risk of a reaction.

As you know, we are a nut free school, so please do not send in any products containing nuts. Thank you for your support with this.



# Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

If any parents are interested, or know somebody who may be interested, in applying for a lunchtime supervisor post then please contact Mrs Bryson in the school office for an informal chat, and to complete an application form.

Can I remind parents that I have an open-door policy, so if you have any queries or concerns, or would just like to pop in for a chat, then please make an appointment via the school office.

Thank you for all of your fantastic support as we begin a very exciting and positive year.

Best wishes, Nadine Fielding Head teacher