



10th September 2021

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 their learning, being with their friends, and getting into their school routine, all with such huge smiles on their faces. There are no doubt 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.

Uniform

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. On Monday we had our first whole school assembly (for Year 1 to 4) since before the lockdowns, and the children loved being together to share such special collective reflection time as a community.

School grounds

As you will have seen, we had some fencing installed on the school field during the holidays, with steps leading the children safely on and off the field. We are still unable to use the trim trail unfortunately, due to some excess cracking of the wood in parts, and we are in talks with Northumberland Council to find a way forward with this. In the meantime, please do not allow the children to play on it before or after school please, as we are not allowed to use it for health and safety reasons. Over the next week we will be getting some rather wonderful playground markings done to enhance the opportunities for outdoor play. We are also having some done on our rooftop, which is coming together very nicely as a sensory and interactive learning space.

Information over coffee drop ins



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;

Year 3 - Thursday 16th September 9-9.30am

Year 4 - Friday 17th September 9-9.30am

Year 2 - Monday 20th September 2.15-3pm

Year 1 - Tuesday 21st September 2-2.30pm, followed by a Stay and Play session until 3pm

Reception and Nursery will contact parents next week with the dates for their information sessions.

Parents evening

The first parent consultation for your child will take place in the final two weeks before October half term (dates to be confirmed). We would like to know if parents would prefer face to face consultations or virtual appointments (via SchoolCloud), so I will be sending out a Google form for you to click on your preference in order for us to plan for those. Thank you.

Trip consent forms/ Medication

We are delighted that educational visits can resume 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.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

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 to complete an application form.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting the Macmillan Coffee Morning in school on Friday 1st October at 9.15am. A letter will be sent out closer to the time to give details about how to make a donation of cakes/biscuits/scones, and all money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to pop along for a chat over cake and a coffee!



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

Best wishes,
Nadine Fielding
Head teacher