



20th October 2022

Newsletter Autumn 4

Dear Families,

What a fantastic first half term we have had in school. The children have worked incredibly hard, and are certainly ready for a week at home to rest their brains and their bodies!

Our last day is today, as tomorrow is a teacher training day, so we will welcome the children back to school on Monday 31st October.

This half term we have been learning about the character values of kindness, courage and confidence, and see these values demonstrated daily across our school community, amongst pupils and staff. We celebrated Mental Health Day on 10th October with a special assembly, and welcomed the Mustard Tree Trust into school this week to lead a Harvest assembly.

Thank you to all families who sent in contributions for the Food Bank. These will be collected after half term and I know they will be very gratefully received.



Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

To view our recently updated Safeguarding Policy, please click the link below to be directed to the school website.

<http://www.morpethgoosehill.org/web/policies/530744>

County Hall building works - information provided by UK Power Networks

UK Power Networks Services Ltd will be carrying out works within the County Hall staff car park (rear of building) in the not too distant future. This work will entail the fencing off of areas of the car park meaning that access will be restricted and certain areas un accessible during the works.

As with previous phases of the works (resurfacing the entrance road) we will maintain a walkway around the works to the school for pedestrians. We must stress however, that attempting to cross the site for a short cut is extremely unsafe and dangerous. As far as is reasonably practical, we will not have any gaps in our fence line but sometimes these do appear but it would be foolhardy to use these openings as shortcuts across the site.

Our target date for commencement of works would be 24th October. This will include:

Resurfacing Works for Phase 2 (ph1 was the completion of the access road completed in summer holidays)

Resurfacing Works and Civil excavations for Ph 3

3D render of new solar car ports

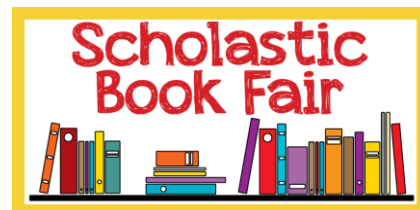
Elevations and sections of new Solar Car ports

Civil Excavations routes and works... Note these are directly adjacent to the footpath through the car park which will be diverted around the County Hall.

In addition to these works, there will also be works occurring on the grassed area to the North West of the pond which will entail a large excavation again requiring the footpath to be diverted. We are trying to programme this so that it takes place after the major works in the car park.

School Book Fair

We are delighted to welcome Scholastic Book Fair back into school during the week beginning 7th November. The book fair will be in the hall from 8.15am-8.45am and 2.45-3.30pm each day of that week.



We are passionate about promoting a love of reading to all of the children, and new books always make brilliant treats or gifts for any occasion. We look forward to seeing you there.

School lunches price increase

The price per child for a school lunch is now £2.40. This is proportionate to the increases in food costs, as well as gas and electricity. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please follow this link to apply.

https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free_School_Meals

Reception phonics workshop

We are delighted to invite parents of Reception children to attend a phonics workshop on **Thursday 3rd November at 9am**. This is a brilliant opportunity to learn about how we teach the children phonics and early reading skills and how to support your child with this at home. We look forward to seeing you there.



December 23rd finishing time

As you are aware, schools break up this year for Christmas on Friday 23rd December. In light of this late break up, we are busy finalising an exciting programme of special Christmas events and activities which we will be providing in the build up to Christmas.



School will finish for the holidays at 1.30pm on the 23rd and there will be no Roundabout Club on this day.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful half term.

Kind regards,
Nadine Fielding
Head teacher