



24th January 2022

Newsletter Spring 3

Dear Families,

Covid update

The guidance for schools changes again on Thursday 27th January, and from that date there is no requirement for children to be in 'bubbles' or for face masks to be worn by staff or visitors in communal areas. We will monitor this closely and work with the other schools in the Morpeth Partnership to increase measures, if and when we need to, in response to the local infection rates.

We plan to restart after school clubs after February half term, and Miss Rodway will be sending out a letter reminding parents which clubs are on which nights. The plan is to start initially for those children who were already attending a club before October half term, when we unfortunately had to cancel them in order to reduce mixing children across year groups. So whichever club your child was going to before we had to stop them, they can continue with the same one and pick up where they left off.

From Easter, children on the waiting lists for clubs will be given the chance to attend, in order to ensure children get to have a turn at their chosen activity. Again, Miss Rodway will keep you updated on that.



Nursery applications

We are currently taking applications for our Nursery for the September 2022 intake. Application forms can be found on the school website or you can collect one from the school office and return it. The **deadline for applications is 28th March** and we aim to have the offers of places sent out by 4th April. We have 39 full time places available, and if we are full in the September intake (as we were this year) then we will not be able to offer any places in January or April. If you know anyone who has a child who will be 3 by September, then please let them know how to apply. Thank you.

Reminder...Non uniform day - Friday 28th January

We will be having a non uniform day on 28th January to raise money for a family from our school community. They are in the process of fundraising, in order to return a member of their immediate family from Thailand back to Morpeth, following a serious accident. Any donations on that day will be gratefully received to help them reach their target, and care for their loved one here in the UK. Thank you.



Energy bills increase

I'm sure you are aware of the recent rise in energy costs, and those planned to go ahead in the near future. We know that these price increases will cause financial problems for some families, and Northumberland Council have some money allocated to them by the government, which can be used to support families to pay towards energy bills, food and clothing.

If you, or anyone you know, is struggling then follow this link to apply for support. It is confidential and available to anyone living in Northumberland.

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2Fr%2FNPELdCQBLU&data=04%7C01%7CCarol.Leckie%40northumberland.gov.uk%7Caf5312fe629443ec314608d9da765331%7Cbb13a9de829042f0a980dc3bdfef70f40%7C0%7C0%7C637781024015582761%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IjE6Ikh1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=EVVD5eqyC%2FKLnYsWK7TA6lbU4pB7%2BVzrc%2Bw5QtIOEU%3D&reserved=0>

Piano exam success

Congratulations to Eva Moulton in Year 4 who achieved a distinction in her Grade 3 theory exam in December. This is a fabulous achievement-well done Eva!

Character update

We continue to work on our values of optimism and gratitude with the children, and below is a quote I shared with them all today during our weekly assembly. We have welcomed some visitors into school over the last couple of weeks to take part in a training session written and delivered by Miss Rodway, Mrs Beers and I, to help other schools on their Character journeys. The feedback has been fantastic, and we look forward to supporting more schools in this way, and sharing our excellent practice.

Kind regards,

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Head teacher

