



16th July 2024

Dear Families,

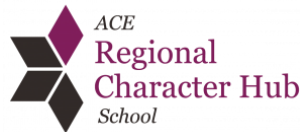
As the end of the academic year approaches, staff and pupils have been reflecting on the fantastic progress and wonderful memories that have been made this year. The children continue to flourish, and we would like to thank you for guiding your children to have such a positive attitude to school, and for supporting them in their learning at home. We are very fortunate to have such motivated and supportive families.

The staff and I have been so proud of the children throughout the year; they have approached their school work with enthusiasm and diligence, they have participated in events, assemblies and performances with gusto, and they have embodied our school character values every day. I am sure you are as proud of them as we are, and looking forward to spending some family time together in the holidays.

Our Year 4 pupils are looking forward to their move to middle school, and do so having made excellent progress academically, alongside their engagement in our Character Curriculum. We look forward to welcoming our new Nursery and Reception children in September, who have now completed their transition. We will also be welcoming some new pupils into other year groups too.

Exciting collaborations for our school...

Morpeth First School continues to be the North East Regional Hub school for Character Education, and our partnership with Commando Joe's will also continue, as we move into the next academic year.



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Morpeth First School has formed an alliance with **five** other first schools and **two** primary schools in Northumberland. Led by a group of like-minded head teachers, who want the very best for our children, it will be known as the Font Alliance. The alliance provides for closer working with other similar schools, collaboratively sharing ideas and resources along with Northumberland County Council. We will continue working with the Morpeth Partnership schools as normal, **and pupils will continue to feed into Morpeth Middle and High Schools**, but feel the Font Alliance will be better placed to focus on the early stages of education.

Please note that this alliance is merely a collaboration and not a federation **or the creation of a multi-academy trust**.

The schools involved are;

Cambo First School, Longhorsley First School, Stannington First School, Ponteland Community Primary School, Rothbury First School, Tritlington First School and Whalton CE Primary School.

Staff training day reminder

School will be closed Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September for staff training. The children will begin their term on Wednesday 4th September.

Kind regards,
Nadine Fielding
Head teacher