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26th May 2023

Dear Families,

What a fantastic half term we have enjoyed in school. The Year 2 children have completed their SATs, and did an absolutely amazing job! We are incredibly proud of their positive approach towards doing some 'special quizzes', and I was blown away by their resilience and determination to answer all of the questions, even if a few were a little tricky. Well done Year 2!

There has been much excitement throughout school over the last couple of weeks, as we have watched seven eggs hatch, and closely watched all seven chicks grow and thrive, ready to leave us yesterday for life on a free range farm.

The lady who collected the chicks is going to keep the children updated with photos of how our fluffy friends

are getting on, so they can continue to see them grow. This experience has been wonderful for our pupils, and the generous donation of the "Incredible Eggs" came from a parent, so thank you for your kindness, which has brought so much awe and wonder to our pupils...and lots of smiles and excitement!

As you know, we have also been awarded the Quality Mark Plus Award for Character Education this half term. This is a significant achievement for our school, and also for the region, as we continue to support other schools to develop their Character Education programmes, as part of our role as Regional Hub School for the North East.

Today we were visited by Chief Executive of Northumberland Council, Helen Paterson, and Leader of the Council, Glen Sanderson, who took part in our fun Friday morning assembly. The press have gathered information about our school and taken photos, and we are hoping that this will be celebrated by the local media in the coming weeks. When I have any information about when it may feature, I will let parents know.

Charity Enterprise Project in Year 3

Our Year 3 pupils are very enthusiatic about supporting the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) ahead of their trip to Newbiggin in July. The children came up with many enterprise ideas to raise













money to donate to this charity, and the first event took place this morning; an outdoor café! Thank you to all of the parents who sent in donations...the cakes were absolutely delicious and the pupils are keen to continue their fundraising after half term.

Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair will take place on **Friday 7th July in the afternoon**. School have set up a list of activities and stalls which we would like to run, so if you would like to get involved and help out on the day, then we will be having a coffee and a chat about it at **9am on Wednesday 7th June**...all welcome!



We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 9th June to collect bottles for a fabulous bottle tombola. Please send in a bottle of anything; wine, beer, juice, shampoo, water...even tomato ketchup!

We will be having a second **non-uniform day on Friday 30th June** to collect raffle and tombola prizes, so details will be sent out after half term about what to send in on the day.

Lost property

We have a huge amount of lost property in school. Please make sure anything that belongs to your child has their name clearly on it, so if anything goes missing it can be returned to the right person. Thank you!

Dates for your diaries

Friday 9th June - Non-uniform day - bring a bottle! 12th-16th June- Year 1 Phonics screen window 12th-16th June - Year 4 Residential trips Monday 19th June - Class photos to be taken by photographer Friday 23rd June - School closed for Teacher Training Day Friday 30th June - Non-uniform day for Summer Fair donations 4th & 5th July - Year 4 transition visits to Newminster Middle School (details to follow) 5th July - Moving up day (children to spend the morning in their new class ready for September) Monday 10th July - Year 1 and 2 Sports Day (PM) Wednesday 12th July - Nursery and Reception Sports Day Thursday 13th July - Year 4 leavers assemblies - Panthers 9.15-9.45am/ Meerkats 10.15-10.45am Friday 21st July - Last day of the Summer term. School finishes at normal pick up time.

Have a wonderful half term and we will see you on Monday 5th June.

Kind regards, Nadine Fielding Head teacher