



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

We have had a fabulous start to the new year. The children have been so enthusiastic and are really enjoying their new year groups and classrooms. This newsletter includes information from the previous newsletter with some additions, so please ensure you have a quick look.

### **NEW STARTERS**

Well done to Hugo, Laurie, Alice, Charlotte, Mollie and Ella our new starters in Reception who have had a great first few days in 'big school'.



### **SCHOOL DAY**

Just a reminder that the school day **begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm.**

Breakfast Club runs between **8.00-8.45am**

After School Clubs will run between **3.15pm-4.30pm.**

There is a new option for a late pick up at 5.00pm for working parents by arrangement with Mrs Long. **This is being trialled for the first half term.**

### **LATECOMERS**

Please ensure your child/ren arrive at school on time. Lateness will be monitored and if it is persistent then Mrs Long will ask parents to attend a meeting in school.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Mrs Phillips and her team continue to run Breakfast club every morning from **8.00-8.45am**. Please contact Mrs Clark in the office if you have not already indicated that your child will require a place.

### **LETTER CHECK**

**LETTERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED BY TODAY. IF AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE OVERSUBSCRIBED WE WILL HAVE TO OPERATE A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE SYSTEM.**

### **HEALTHY SNACK**

The School Free Fruit Scheme has resumed for children in EYFS and Year 1 and 2 only. If you are able, please provide a healthy snack for your child to eat during morning playtime **if they are not in EYFS or Year 1 or 2.**

## **PE KITS**

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

We have a new PE Service Provider - Newcastle United Foundation and we are looking forward to meeting our new coach. **PE will continue to take place on a Monday afternoon followed by a Sports Club.**

We will be doing PE outside in the Autumn term (weather permitting), so please make sure your child has a suitable PE kit in school and trainers that he/she can fasten independently.

PE kits will be sent home each holiday to be washed and returned to school. Due to limited space, please ensure bags are the drawstring type rather than large rucksacks.

If your child will be attending Sports Club, they will go home in their PE kits which will need to be returned to school in time for the next lesson.

## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

We are always very lucky that people offer their valuable time to volunteer in school.

**We really need volunteers to help with Swimming on a Wednesday and Forest School on a Friday.**

If you think you could spare the time to help out with either activity then please let Mrs Long know asap and she can give you more information about the timings and organise a DBS check.

## **ILLNESS**

We understand that parents may be wary of sending children into school who are displaying cold/flu like symptoms. Please ring school if you need support to make a decision about whether your child should attend. In the coming months, coughs and snotty noses will be a regular occurrence but not necessarily symptoms for Covid-19.

We would prefer that your child have a dose of paracetamol and come into school unless they have a high temperature. There are regular handwashing and sanitising points through the day and tissues in every room. If staff are concerned that a child is unwell in school, parents will be contacted for the child to be collected.

## **SWIMMING**

The children in **Years 2, 3 and 4** will be swimming from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September every week, until the end of the academic year. The consent letter and information was sent out on the first day of term. Payment will be set up on Parent Pay.

## **SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

Children who travel on the taxi will be escorted to the front door by the driver. A Breakfast club member of staff will be there to greet the children at whatever time they arrive and the children can join Breakfast club until school starts.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (Nursery-Year 4)**

**IF YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING AN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB, PLEASE PROVIDE A HEALTHY SNACK FOR THEM TO EAT AT 3.15pm.**

Sports club starts on:	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm-4.30pm (PE Kit)
Dance club starts on:	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers)
Football/Yoga club start on:	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers for Football)
Zumba Dance club starts on:	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers)

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD/REN PROMPTLY AT THE FRONT DOOR**

## **HARVEST SHOW-HUMSHAUGH VILLAGE HALL**

The Humshaugh Harvest Show will take place tomorrow. All children have been entered into the Handwriting competition.

## **BIRTHDAY CAKES**

Due to an increase in the number of pupils with dietary needs including allergies, we are requesting that parents DO NOT send birthday cakes into school.

**Contrary to my previous newsletter, we have now made the decision that children should not bring sweets in for the children in their class. Apologies for the U-turn but various factors have been considered before making this decision.**

## **UNIFORM**

All children are expected to wear full school uniform as outlined in the school brochure (see website). Uniform with the Logo is available at [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk). **However, logos are not compulsory and plain red sweatshirts/cardigans are available at local supermarkets.** Book bags are also available to purchase via the school trends website.

**\*PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME\***

We also have a uniform swap system which will be available from the first day of term. Our stock is quite low at the moment so if you have jumpers or cardigans that are in good condition that your child has outgrown, then please pop them into the school office.

## **STAY AND PLAY**

**Stay and Play** will start again on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 9.30-11.00am** in the school hall. Please speak to Jean Newton if you are interested in attending.

## **PIANO LESSONS**

For those children who have signed up to have piano lessons with Clair Caris, they are due to resume on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## **HEADTEACHER UPDATE/COMMUNICATION**

I will send a weekly newsletter to parents with regular updates, news, diary dates and photographs.

We will hold Parent Consultations towards the end of this half term. Letters will be sent out in advance.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please either send them an email directly or ring the school office and they will aim to return your call as soon as possible.

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**For queries regarding Parent pay, Nursery funding or sessions, clubs, milk, Breakfast club and school dinner, please email our Office Manager Mrs Clark.**

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## **DIARY DATES**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Humshaugh Harvest Show

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September: PE/Sports Club start

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September: Dance Club starts

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Swimming (Y2-4) starts

Football/Yoga Club starts

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September:	Zumba Club starts
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September:	Class 3 trip to the Great North Museum-more information to follow
W/C 3 <sup>rd</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent meetings-more information to follow
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October:	Last day of term
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October:	Teacher Day
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Autumn 2 starts
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December:	Break up for Christmas
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023:	Spring 1 starts