

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 (3 PAGES)

#### ATTENDANCE

Well done to the children in Reception, Years 3 and 4 who achieved 100% attendance this week.

YEAR	ATTENDANCE %
RECEPTION	100%
YEAR 1	97%
YEAR 2	98%
YEAR 3	100%
YEAR 4	100%

#### STAR OF WEEK

Well done to our Super stars Kate and Izic; our Handwriting Heroes Riley, Alfie, Tobias and Sophie..

The Kindness award was presented to Callum and the Perseverance award was presented to William JG. Well done to both of them. They have the brave knight duck and a light up heart on their desk for the week.



The children in EYFS have been receiving a 'Star of the day' award and a photo is sent to parents on a daily basis. Well done to this week's EYFS 'Star of the Week', Bertie, for never giving up even when something is challenging.

#### HARVEST SERVICE

We had two lovely Harvest Services today with Revd. Sarah. The Nursery and Reception children shared their knowledge of Harvest and sang their favourite Harvest songs and the children Years 1 to 4 read prayers and sang a selection of Harvest songs. Photos and videos are on the website.



#### HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you so much to everyone who donated food items. These will be delivered to the Peoples' Kitchen in Newcastle.

#### PARENT CONSULTATION GUIDELINES

Parents should have received a letter about the Parent Consultations that start from next week. The key points are:

• One parent only to attend the appointment

- Parent to wear a face covering unless exempt
- Parent will be asked to sanitise when entering the building
- Parent and member of staff to maintain 2m distance
- Parent to arrive at the allocated time only
- If a parent arrives early, they will be expected to wait outside (weather permitting)

#### **READING DOG**

Tina and Poppy came in to read with some of the children in Class 2. Over the next few weeks, every child will get an opportunity to have a reading session with Poppy.



NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST-Virtual School library launched by the Duchess of Cornwall https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/?mc\_cid=42bb0d8bd6&mc\_eid=7bddae09e9

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.



Author of the week: Michelle Robinson

Read Do Not Disturb the Dragons by Michelle Robinson for FREE, watch an exclusive video and download activities.

#### NATIONAL POETRY DAY

The children in Class 3 enjoyed a virtual poetry session with poet Conrad Burdekin as part of National Poetry day on Thursday. There was much laughter as he is a very funny man and he has written some very amusing poems.



## SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are really delighted that the provision of hot school lunches should resume after half term. Mrs Dodd will be sending out an email next week with an up to date menu and also a request for parents to inform her if their child is going to have a school lunch.

## CONCERNS

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress or routines in school, please ensure that you firstly contact the class teacher. The next person to contact would be me (Mrs Long). Although I teach throughout the week, I always have some office time in the day when I can check emails or speak on the phone. Please do not let worries or concerns build. Please speak to us and we will always try our best to find a solution.

#### COVID-19 UPDATE

### New legal duty to self-isolate comes from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September

From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, <u>people in England will be required by law to self-isolate if they test positive or are</u> <u>contacted by NHS Test and Trace</u>.

# This law has been introduced to ensure compliance with self-isolation rules and to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Fines will also be introduced from today for those breaching self-isolation rules, starting at £1,000, in line with the existing penalty for breaking quarantine after international travel. This could increase to up to £10,000 for repeat offences and the most serious breaches, including for those preventing others from self-isolating.

Employers who force or allow staff to come to work who they know should be self-isolating will also be liable for fines of up to £10,000.

To ensure we are keeping school as safe as possible, please can I remind parents to not send their child to school if they or anyone in your household is displaying COVID-19 symptoms. You must keep your child at home and arrange a test. During this time the household should self-isolate for 14 days or until the outcome of the test is received. This would mean siblings would also not attend school.

#### Main symptoms:

- **a high temperature** this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Follow this link for the most up to date advice. If in doubt, please contact school and we can help make a decision. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providersschools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-aboutearly-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term

## <u>PE KITS</u>

Please ensure children have returned their PE kits in school by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

## DATES

- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct: Reception and Years 3-4 Parent Consultations
- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 1 Parent Consultations
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct: Reception and Years 3-4 Parent Consultations
- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 2 Parent Consultations
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Last Day of term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Teacher Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> term starts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Hoopstarz PE sessions (Y1-4)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: Shutterbugz Photography
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: Save the Children Christmas jumper day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas party p.m.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Break for Christmas