



**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (3 PAGES)**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Well done to the children in Reception, Years 1 and 3 who achieved 100% attendance this week.

<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>ATTENDANCE %</u></b>
<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>YEAR 4</b>	<b>97%</b>

### **STAR OF WEEK**

Well done to our Super stars Felix and Sophie; our Handwriting Heroes William R, Josie, Oscar and Annabelle.

The Kindness award was presented to Mia and the Perseverance award was presented to Freddie. 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', Effie, for being really kind and gentle.

### **HARVEST**

As you know, the children will take part in a short Harvest service in school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Revd. Sarah Lunn has kindly agreed to join us. We will talk about Harvest time and give thanks by writing prayers and singing our favourite Harvest songs. We will take videos of the songs and prayers and put them on the website for you to view.

### **HARVEST DONATIONS**

As we are unable to do our usual Harvest Box delivery to our Friends from the Village, we are asking parents to donate items for the West Northumberland Foodbank. This is completely optional and only if parents are able. Items such as packets of pasta, rice, tins of soup and fruit would be appreciated rather than fresh produce.

**There will be a box at each entrance from Monday for you to pop donations in.**

The children will be writing little Harvest themed cards to send to our Friends from the Village so they know we are thinking of them.

### **PARENT CONSULTATION APPOINTMENT LETTER**

Letters were sent out this week with allocated appointment times. As you know Government guidance is ever changing. At the moment we are aiming to have face to face meetings, however this may have to change if guidance changes.

If face to face meetings do take place, we will ask that **only one** parent attend the meeting; the parent should wear a face covering unless exempt and the parent should arrive at the allocated time and not earlier.

We will send out further information by the end of next week.

### **EYFS OUTDOOR TAP AND SINK**

We now have a sink and tap in the EYFS outdoor area thanks to the plumbers from Parkend. The children have been enjoying washing their hands outside and filling up various containers for role play fun.

### **HOMEWORK AND READING**

The children are working really hard during the school day. It is especially tough for those children who have not been in school since March. Although we ask for reading and homework to be completed at home, this is only if the child is willing and has enough energy and enthusiasm so the task doesn't become too stressful for both child and parent. We would rather have happy, motivated children in school who have had the chance to relax after school. We would always hope that parents would share a bedtime story every day.

### **REMOTE EDUCATION PLAN**

The staff and I are busy creating a Remote Education plan which all schools have to have in place by the end of September. This will allow any children who have to self-isolate or the whole school, if there is a positive case of Covid, to still access a quality curriculum from home. We will send out Home Learning packs similar to when we were on lockdown, together with links to online resources.

### **READING DOG**

We were delighted to welcome Tina and her trained Reading dog, Poppy, this week. Some children in Class 2 had the opportunity to go up to the library and share a story with Poppy. Tina will be coming into school every Tuesday so we aim to make sure that all children will have the chance to meet Poppy over the coming weeks.

### **LATENESS**

Please ensure you arrive at school for 8.50am. The doors open at 8.50am every morning and the children are now entering the building quickly and efficiently.



### **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](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.**

Having access to a school library is really important for children. School libraries nurture a love of reading that can enrich children's literacy skills, academic achievements and mental wellbeing. Our Virtual School Library will complement existing school libraries and will ensure that children have access to the magical world of stories all year round, whether they are learning at school or at home.

We've worked with brilliant publishers and inspiring authors and illustrators to ensure that the books and activities in our Virtual School Library will support children's wellbeing through reading.



**Author of the week: Zoe Antoniadou** Cally and Jimmy: Twins in Trouble, illustrated by Katie Kear

### **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.

## **ZUMBA**

The children had another fantastic Zumba session with Shelly and Julie. The smiles and laughter were fantastic as were the 'groovy' moves!



## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

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-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

## **HEALTHY SNACK**

The fruit scheme is now operational. **ALL children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) can have a free piece of fruit. There is no need to send in fruit or snacks from home.**

Children in Years 3 and 4 may bring in a healthy snack but they do have access to any spare fruit if you are unable to send in a healthy snack from home.

## **PE KITS**

Please ensure children have returned their PE kits in school by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

## **DATES**

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Harvest Festival-in school in bubbles (children only)

4<sup>th</sup> Oct: St. Peter's Harvest Festival at church

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

