



22nd January 2016 Newsletter

PTA meeting

There will be a meeting at school at 8pm on Monday 1st February, 8pm. We will discuss this year's fundraising events. Money raised this term will be used to subsidise the whole school trip to Bamburgh. Everyone is welcome and we really do appreciate your ideas and input.

Reading at home

Research by the National Literacy Trust stresses the importance of reading for pleasure at home and school.



According to Krashen (1993):

"When children read for pleasure, when they get "hooked on books", they acquire, involuntarily and without conscious effort, nearly all of the so-called "language skills" many people are so concerned about: they will become adequate readers, acquire a large vocabulary, develop the ability to understand and use complex grammatical constructions, develop a good writing style, and become good (but not necessarily perfect) spellers.

Although free voluntary reading alone will not ensure attainment of the highest levels of literacy, it will at least ensure an acceptable level. Without it, I suspect that children simply do not have a chance."

Children in EYFS benefit hugely from a bedtime story, and this should continue as the child gets older. Throughout primary school, children still benefit from listening to stories and the spoken word. Please try to read at home with your children for 15 minutes every day and record this in your child's reading record. The school library is open every day after school except Wednesdays for parents and children to choose and change books.

Perimeter Gate

Please ensure this is closed securely when you bring your child in to the school yard. It has been left open on several occasions recently which poses a risk to our youngest pupils. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Tempest Photography

Tempest will be in school on Monday 1st February to take individual, sibling group photographs and the whole school and pre-school groups. Sibling groups will be taken at 8.30am for those children who are able to arrive at school early. All other photographs will be taken from 9am onwards. Please return the slip indicating which photographs you would like taken.

Safer Internet Day

Mrs Jones will be hosting an information session for parents about ways in which you can keep your child safe online at home. This will be held at Newbrough Primary on Tuesday 9th February from 3.15pm. Everyone is welcome and there will be a free after school club with pancakes. Please let Mrs Newson know if you and your child will attend so we can make enough pancakes!

Flooding and severe winter weather

We will endeavour to keep the school open in the event of snow and ice but in the event of further school closure due to adverse weather conditions, we will send out a Parentmail and also inform NCC. Closure notices will appear on the following places:

- The school website www.humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk
- www.northumberland.gov.uk



- www.facebook.com/nccalerts
- www.twitter.com/northumberland

E-admissions portal

Applications for places in Reception for September 2016 has now closed. Parents will be notified of the outcome of their application for a school place on 15 April 2016.

Lunch money

The cost of school lunches this half term will be £58. Cheques should be made payable to Northumberland County Council, please. If you pay weekly, please send money in a named envelope on Monday morning, marked clearly 'Lunch money.' Thank you.

Other dates for your diary.

Friday 5th February: Visit from Hendrick Malangu.

Tuesday 9th February: Shrove Tuesday event – unfortunately there are not enough children able to attend, so school will not take part in this 7 for 7.30pm

Thursday 11th February: Lent After School Club begins, 3.15pm-4.30pm. School closes for half term holiday.

Friday 12th February: INSET Day for staff.

Monday 22nd February: Return to school for second half of Spring term.

Kind regards,
Cath Newson (Headteacher)

“It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live.”
— **J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**

I will attend the Safer Internet Session at Newbrough Primary on Tuesday 9th February at 3.15pm.

Number of children_____

Signed_____



I would like my child _____ to have the following photographs:

Individual/sibling group/no photograph (please delete as appropriate)

Signed _____

