



7th September 2018

We have had a fantastic start to the new year. The new starters have been brilliant and all pupils have returned after their summer break ready and raring to go! Thank you so much for returning the many letter replies so promptly.

Attendance

To celebrate excellent attendance, we will be announcing the year group with the best attendance each week during our Friday Star of the week Collective Worship. The children in that year group will be given a sticker and presented with the Attendance cup to look after for week. If there is a tie, each year group will share the cup for an equal amount of time.

The Year group Attendance percentages will be displayed in the front window and on the website. I am delighted to say that all year groups have had 100% attendance this week so will take turns in displaying the cup in their classroom-well done!

School uniform

If you need to order school uniform, the information is in our school brochure on the website or you can ask for a copy at the office.

The website is...www.schooltrends.co.uk. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED.**

Yellow lines

Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines immediately in front of school. Apart from the school taxi, this area needs to be completely clear for safety reasons.

Cheque payment

Cheques for swimming or school dinners should be made payable to **Northumberland County Council**.

Harvest Show

Thank you to Sarah Dodds for coming in to school to tell the children about the Humshaugh Harvest Show on Saturday 15th September. A leaflet has been sent home in your child's book bag with all the information needed.

Garden volunteers

We are delighted with our new 'Peace Garden' (the old allotment in the field). Many thanks to Simon Wood and his company for designing and landscaping the area so beautifully.

We really could do with some volunteers who have some spare time to come and do some weeding. We are planning to plant fruit trees in the six beds and a beech hedge around the perimeter. The raised beds will be divided into a vegetable patch, a pre-school and school planting area and a bees and butterfly patch.

If you know of anyone who is willing to give even half an hour to help, please let me know. Also if there are any keen gardeners among you who have plants that can be split and donated, we would really appreciate it.

Forest school –parent visit 19.10.18-end of half term celebration

Parents are invited to a Forest School end of half term celebration on Friday 19th October. Please let either me or Mrs Phillips know if you can come. You will need to meet the children and teachers in the yard at 12.30pm.

Parent governor

At some point this term we will be holding elections for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in finding out more about the role then please come and see me.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club is available to school and pre-school children every morning from 8-8.50am. The club will be based in the hall so please enter through front door. Please ask Mrs Phillips if you would like a place for your child/children.

Swimming

The children were fantastic at swimming on Thursday. They were all assessed by the teachers and put into the relevant groups.

If you haven't already, please send in payment of £24.00 (8 sessions @ £3) to the office as soon as possible. Cheques are payable to NCC.

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

As part of their Magical Worlds topic, the children in Class 2 and 3 will be reading Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone. To aid their learning, the teachers would like to show clips of the film which is rated PG (Parental Guidance). These clips will not include the ending with Professor Quirrell and Voldemort (sorry...He Should Not Be Named!) rather character and settings for visual literacy opportunities. If you do not want your child to watch PG rated clips of the film, please inform either Mrs Blythe or me as soon as possible. If you have a copy of the book, please send it in with your child on Monday and ensure that their name is pencilled in the front cover.

PE and Sports club

We welcome Mr Dimmick our new PE teacher on Monday who will teach PE across the school and also run an after school sports club on Mondays. The after school club will start on **Monday 17th September 3.05-4.15pm.**

We will be doing PE outside in the autumn term, so please make sure your child has a suitable PE kit in school and trainers that he/she can fasten independently. PE kits should be brought in at the beginning of a half term and kept in school. Kits will be sent home each holiday to be washed and returned to school.

Other clubs

Messy Church starts on Tuesday 18th September 3.05pm-5.15pm

Zumba Dance club starts on Thursday 20th September 3.05pm-4.15pm

Forest School

From next week - FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, Forest School will start again which will be led by Miss Osborne and Mrs Phillips. This is a rich and stimulating curriculum experience for the children and the intention is to go up to Humshaugh woods every week, whatever the weather.

On Fridays, children will need to wear practical outdoor trousers/leggings and sturdy waterproof shoes or boots to school rather than ordinary school uniform.

We still would like children to wear their Humshaugh First School sweatshirt or cardigan.

If possible, we would like parents to provide their child with a clearly labelled pair of wellies, waterproof coat and trousers that can be kept at school. If anybody has difficulty providing these please let us know.

Harvest Festival

We would like to invite parents, relatives and friends to our **Harvest Festival and Community Soup lunch on Thursday 4th October.** The children will help prepare the vegetables in the morning and the Friends volunteers will make the soup ready for a approximately 1.15pm. Guests are invited to stay for the Harvest Festival which will include songs and poems to celebrate Harvest.

We would ask that all children bring in a decorated shoe box with a few goodies in it such as tins, packets of pasta or biscuits. The children will then deliver these gifts around the village on **Monday 8th October.**

In addition to bringing in a box, the Friends would also like to run a competition for best decorated vegetable. More information about when to bring in boxes and entries will be sent out nearer the time.

Lunch money-Autumn 1st -4.9.18-25.10.18

The cost is £2.30 per day therefore £87.40 for the first half of the term (38 days at £2.30 per meal)

Please send all monies to the school office in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name, class and the amount enclosed. **Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 still receive Universal Free School meals.** Please make cheques payable to **Northumberland County Council.**

Other dates for your diary.

Friday 14th September: First Forest School session (**please remember wellies and waterproofs**)

Saturday 15th September: Humshaugh Harvest Show –see leaflet

Monday 17th September: Sports club starts (3.05pm-4.15pm)

Tuesday 18th September: Messy Church starts (3.05pm-4.15pm)

Thursday 20th September: Zumba Dance club starts (3.05pm-4.15pm)

Thursday 4th October: Soup day and Harvest Festival (Soup at approx. 1.15pm and Harvest Festival at approx. 2.15pm)

Mon 8th, Tues 9th October, Wed 10th October: Parent Consultations (Letter will be sent out in the next few weeks)

Friday 19th October: Forest School celebration –parents are invited

Thursday 25th October: Break up for half term

Friday 26th October: Teacher Day

Monday 5th November: Autumn 2nd starts

Wednesday 14th November: Whole school trip to Hindu Temple and Centre of Life (Permission letters will be sent out at the end of September)