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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below for information, news and an updated dates list from school.

Y4 Harvest

On Friday 21st October at 9.00am, the Y4 children will be presenting a Harvest assembly for their parents and carers. As always there will be a Harvest collection in school all of next week. Everyone is welcome to send food donations to school which will then be donated to the Salvation Army. Our local branch of the Salvation Army uses our donations to support some of the most vulnerable people in our communities of all backgrounds, religions and ethnicity. We have supported the Salvation Army at this time of year for over 20 years and our gifts are always very welcome. You can send into school any items of non-perishable food such as tins and packets and the children in school will be able to see our collection and reflect on the importance of helping others.



500 Games

Thanks to Newcastle PE and Sport Service for running the 500 Games again this year. We had lots of teams taking part and everyone involved had a great time.



Progress Evenings (Parents and Carers' Evenings)

Parents and Carers' evenings are taking place on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th November. This is a really important opportunity for all parents and carers to come into school and meet with teachers to talk about progress. We will contact you via ParentMail next week to make appointments. Please make sure that you respond and book your appointment as soon as you can. If you have any problems, get in touch.

WhatsApp Groups

We know that most of you are in WhatsApp groups with other parents and carers. This is a great way to share reminders and keep in touch with other. However, please do not name children or talk about specific children on this forum. This is damaging to children and their families and sometimes the information shared is incorrect or at the very least, out of context. Teachers will share information with you regarding incidents in school, and you are always welcome to ring us if you have concerns.

PE Kits in Key Stage 1 (Hazel, Birch, Bramble and Fern)

As a temporary measure, starting after half term, we are asking children in Year 1 and Year 2 to come to school wearing their PE kits. This is because it is currently taking a very long time for the children to get changed and this is having an impact on learning time in PE and other curriculum areas.

PE days are as follows:

Hazel Class – Wednesday and Thursday

Birch Class – Monday and Wednesday

Fern Class – Monday and Wednesday

Bramble Class – Wednesday and Thursday

On these days children need to come in their school PE uniform (dark green t shirt, black joggers or leggings, green hoodie or grey cardigan/jumper and trainers).

PE kits will be sent home at the end of next week. We hope to be able to return to getting changed in school again in the spring/summer. In the meantime, please practise the very important skill of dressing and undressing at home and encourage your child to do this independently where possible. Thank you.

Paper Request

In Reception, every day we 'squiggle whilst we wiggle'! This is a really important time for children to develop the early skills of writing. It is great fun but uses a lot of paper! If you have any packs of paper such as old wallpaper rolls or any other thick paper, we'd be grateful for any donations. Thank you!

Nut Free

Please remember that we do not allow any nuts, or foods containing nuts, in school including at the out of school club and extra-curricular clubs. This is because we have several children in school with severe nut allergies. Cereal bars and some biscuits often have nuts in which are easy to miss. Thank you for your cooperation.



Covid Update

Unfortunately, Covid is still very much with us and has created some particularly difficult staffing scenarios this half term. The guidance which we follow in school states that adults should be absent from work for 5 days after testing positive and children should be absent for three days after testing positive. Please continue to support school by following the advice. Thank you.

Late Arrival at School

After half term, we are going to be using a secure electronic monitoring system to will help us to monitor punctuality. if you arrive after 8.55am in the morning, you will need to sign in your child with a reason for the late arrival. It is very important that children are in school for the beginning of the day, learning starts immediately and children settle much faster and are happier when they arrive on time with their peers.

Training Day

Please remember that Monday 31st October is a training day and so school is closed to children.

Best wishes

Helen McKenna

Headteacher



Dates for Autumn Term 2022

Monday 17 th October	Reception heights and weights in school
Friday 21 st October	Year 4 Harvest Assembly – Y4 Parents and Carers welcome 9.00am
Friday 21st October	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 31 st October	Training Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 1st November	School reopens for children
Wednesday 2 nd November	PTFA AGM – all welcome – 9.30am
Monday 7 th November	Parents and Carers' progress meetings in school (3.30-6.00pm)
Tuesday 8 th November	Parents and Carers' progress meetings in school (3.30-6.00pm)
Monday 14 th November	Governors' Meeting 5.00pm
Wednesday 16 th November	Parents and Carers' Meeting for Y4 Robinwood Residential 2.40pm
Thursday 24 th November	Flu immunisations in school for pupils
Wednesday 30 th November	Y4 Residential to Robinwood
Friday 2 nd December	Y4 Return from Robinwood
Tuesday 13 th December	Reception (Honeybee and Ladybird) Nativity 9.00am
Wednesday 14 th December	Year 1 (Birch and Hazel) Christmas Performance 9.00am
Thursday 15 th December	Year 2 (Fern and Bramble) Christmas Performance 9.00am
	<i>The 9.00am shows will start as soon as the children are ready, this might be slightly later than 9.00am for the younger classes. Each performance will last for approximately 30 minutes.</i>
Friday 16 th December	Year 3/4 (Deer, Squirrel and Skylark) Christmas Performance 2.00pm
	<i>Year 3/4 performance will last for approximately 45 minutes -1 hour.</i>
Thursday 22 nd December	Outdoor Christmas sing-along 2.00pm, <i>weather permitting!</i>
Thursday 22nd December	Children break up for Christmas holiday
Friday 23 rd December	Training day for staff – school closed to children
Monday 9 th January	School reopens for children