



NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a Happy New Year! The children have started back enthusiastically and it has been good to hear about what they have all been up to over Christmas. We also welcome Miss Abbie Fleming who will teach throughout the school and Mrs Katherine Sharp who has started as a teaching assistant in Y3/4.

The increase in Covid-19 infection rates has dominated the build up to the start of term. We do have a number of members of our school community off school following a positive test with almost all of these infected during the holidays. We therefore ask that all families remain cautious and we encourage you to take lateral flow tests on a regular basis. If your child has symptoms, do keep them off school until you have a negative test result.

The arrangements for testing are changing as of next week. Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. If in any doubt, do give me a call at school and we can talk things through.

NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE DAY - TUESDAY 18TH JANUARY

Our first event this term will be a charity day for the NW Air Ambulance. During the morning, the children will have an assembly and learn about the good work that the Air Ambulance do. In order to help raise funds for this worthy charity and to do something slightly different, we ask that children come into school in uniform, but try and wear something green - the colours of the air ambulance. In return for this, we ask that a donation of at least £1 be brought into school. On the day, there will also be various items of NW Air Ambulance merchandise which can be bought. More information about this and a list of what's available will be posted on classlists nearer the time.

Following our Christmas Jumper Day in December, we were able to send a cheque for £70 to Save the Children.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE/CLUBS

Mrs Kwiatkowska will now be running our Before School Care facility each morning.

Many forms have come in for our After School Clubs which start on Monday. Unfortunately, we have had to change the Yoga session as Pauline Steenbergen is unavailable. She will run the sessions after half term instead. Pupils who had signed up can either transfer the money to next half term, get a refund or join in the alternative activity which will be gymnastics run by Mrs Scott where a place has been reserved for your child. Please let the school office know what you want to do.

CHESS

Next week we will begin our In School Chess Competition. This takes place at lunchtimes and playtimes in school and children from Y3 - 6 play seven matches over the course of the half term. Children are rewarded for playing matches and gaining points which accumulate to gain all kinds of goodies. Whilst being able to play chess is obviously an advantage, those that just know a few basics can become quite proficient over the course of the tournament. A list will be placed in the corridor early next week for children to sign up.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

With the Premier League reaching the half-way point in the season, the Fantasy Football League is taking shape. Steven Scott's 'Frodo' leads the way with Zack Rankine's 'Red Arrows' being the best placed child's team. With some double game weeks coming up, there is still a lot to play for.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Jenson Macauley(Rec)** for enthusiastically telling Mrs Scott all about his Christmas. The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is awarded to **Mia Heffernan(Y4)** for making a good start to the New Year, working well with others and joining in.

The **Enjoy-a-ball Trophy** goes to **Liam Pearson (Y3)** for working very well in a group (on a very cold day!) at hockey.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14/1/22	Reception: Army Visitor in School (People who help us)
18/1/22	NWAA Assembly and Morning
21/1/22	Library Bus Visit and Reading Session
24/1/22	Art Week in School
31/1/22	Handwriting Competition
4/2/22	Small Schools' Netball Competition (Y5/6)
4/2/22	Numbers Day
9/2/22	Dental Visit for Reception
11/2/22	Talent Show
11/2/22	Finish for Half Term
21/2/22	Return to School
23/2/22	Y3/4 Visit to Vindolanda
28/2/22	Reading Competition
3/3/22	World Book Day
15/3/22	Small Schools' Football Competition (Y3/4)
30/3/22	Eden Rock Bouldering Competition (Y5/6)
31/1/22	Small Schools' Swimming Competition (Y5/6)
1/4/22	Finish Term

More dates will be added throughout the term