



NEWSLETTER

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COVID

Unfortunately Covid is still with us and we have had cases in two of the classes this week: Y1/2 and Y5/6. At this stage, we are asking parents to be vigilant and test regularly, especially if there is a sign of any symptoms. In school we are keeping the classrooms well ventilated and are ensuring that areas are thoroughly cleaned each day.

NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE DAY - TUESDAY 18TH JANUARY

It was great to welcome back Mr Hall to school who told us about his new role and explained to the children about the good work that the Great North Air Ambulance do. An impressive **£341.30** was raised from donations and purchases.

TEXT MESSAGES, CLASSLISTS, FACEBOOK

We have three main methods of communication at the school at the moment. Text Messages/e-mails tend to come from Mr Jones/School Office and are about whole school issues e.g. snow days, covid outbreaks etc or individual messages reminding parents to ring the school if their child is absent.

'Classlists' has proved to be an effective communication tool and tends to be used by teachers to remind parents about things in class. It also provides a relatively simple way for parents to communicate with teachers either in private or share things with the class as a whole. Classlists should not be used to air individual grievances or complaints in public. These should always be addressed to the class teacher or myself who will be able to deal with the matter appropriately. Some parents have used 'Classlists' to let teachers know about absences but a phonecall/e-mail to the school office should be the method for reporting absences.

Facebook tends to be used to celebrate events which have gone on in school and perhaps showcase the children's efforts to a wider audience which includes many grandparents and friends of the school.

LATES

The traffic lights on Dalston Road have caught out several families this week with some being late for school. Hopefully these will end soon. However, prior to this there were a small number of children who are frequently late. This causes significant disruption at the start of the day with often one of the teachers having to come out of class to let the children in. Messages then need to be relayed to the kitchen and registers adjusted which are all difficult. Perhaps more importantly, the children themselves miss instructions at the start of the first lesson and start the day on the back foot. This would all be avoidable if everyone arrives on time.

With Covid restrictions easing we will now ask for parents to bring their children to the front door and sign them in themselves on our visitor management system which will allow parents to explain why their children are late.

If you know you are going to be late, a quick phone call to the office does help.

ART WEEK

Next week we will be having a theme week with the whole school having a focus on Art. Children will be working on the elements of art with skills being developed throughout the age groups. The children will show their work to other children in the school next Friday.

Mrs Wakefield has asked if all the children in Y5/6 can bring in 5 objects next week which have meaning to them.

CHESS

Thirty eight children have entered the chess competition and lunchtimes are very busy with echoes of ‘checkmate’ being heard from the classroom. More chess boards have had to be bought and are on their way! There have been a number of absences, but Nicole Leathers, Phoebe Story, Kayla Reilly and Thomas Barratt have all won their first two rounds.

DENTAL FORM

Dental forms for children 5 and under were issued last term. Please return these back to the school as soon as possible.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week’s **Pupil of the Week** is **Thea Clarke (Y1)** for trying hard every week, but especially in Read, Write inc this week. Last week’s winner was **Eliza-Mae Lucock (Y5)** for impressing Mrs Wakefield with her Maths work and a much improved attitude to work. The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is awarded to **Ophelia Errington (Rec)** for going about her business with a smile on her face. Last week’s winner was **Keltan Clarke (Y6)** who was very well behaved at cooking club and followed it up by donating his cooking to someone who really appreciated it.

The **Enjoy-a-ball Trophy** goes to Darcy Clarke (Y4) for trying especially hard at Hockey. Last week’s winner was **Rose Johnston (Y6)** for solving a problem and working well in PE.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24/1/22	Art Week in School
27/1/22	Dental Hygienist to visit Reception and talk to all pupils
31/1/22	Handwriting Competition
3/2/22	PCSO Kirkpatrick to visit Reception
4/2/22	Numbers Day
9/2/22	Dental Visit for Reception and Y1 (Under 5s)
11/2/22	Small Schools’ Netball Competition (Y5/6)
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
2/3/22	Y3/4 Tennis Sessions at Chatsworth begin
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