



**"A small school, with big ambitions!"**

## **Newsletter – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

### **School Gateway**

As we move to using the payment and booking functions on School Gateway there will be inevitably a few teething problems. We would like to thank parents/carers for their patience and support as we make this change. One thing to note is that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school lunches. On your School Gateway account it will show that money is outstanding, please ignore this, Ms Collingwood will manage this and the balance will be returned to nil each month. The system has worked really well in terms of bookings for clubs and for parents/carers keeping up to date with payments etc.

### **MacMillan Cancer Fundraising**

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September we will be inviting parents/carers to join us for our annual fundraising in support of MacMillan Cancer. Weather permitting, we are hoping to have a picnic in the school grounds from 2.30pm. Further information will be available nearer the time.

### **Uniform**

For information about our school uniform, please see our school website or speak to a member of staff. Both Salto and Tesco supply our uniform. The uniform makes a huge difference in school.

### **Names on clothing & shoes**

Please ensure that all items of clothing and shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Little Stars Film Club**

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September Little Stars will be running a film night. Mrs Grevett will be sending out booking details next week.

### **Northumberland Green Dog Walking Initiative**

We have signed up to a slightly unusual but important community initiative. Northumberland County Council is introducing the Green Dog Walkers scheme, a community-led programme to reduce dog fouling and promote responsible dog ownership across the county.

Dog walkers are now being encouraged to join up by signing the Green Dog Walker pledge. Those signing the pledge agree to always clean up after their dog and put the bag in a bin and to use a friendly approach to encourage other dog walkers to do the same.

We have a Green Dog Walkers support kit to distribute to individuals who want to get involved.

The children will be learning about being a responsible dog walker on Friday and there will be a variety of activities across the day. If parents/carers would like to sign up or request free "Pooh bags" (*we have a lot to give away*), please put a note in your child's homework diary.

### **PTA Meeting**

The PTA will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. This will be in the main school building, access will be via the office. Everybody is welcome, for more details or information please see a member of staff.

