

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I would like to extend a special welcome to children who have joined us throughout school and those who have joined our Reception and Nursery classes. We have some children in Nursery who are spending the whole day at school. They are thoroughly enjoying dinner times and some have had the odd nap in the afternoon-lovely. Our Reception children look very smart and grown-up in their new uniforms.

After a successful Ofsted inspection, it is my intention to build on initiatives introduced last year. I remain focused on ensuring our children have access to a broad curriculum, with plenty of opportunities to develop skills which will enable them to be successful learners, make excellent progress and achieve academically to the best of their ability.

Our curriculum is available to view on our website:

[www.northburn.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.northburn.northumberland.sch.uk).

You can also receive news updates by following us on Twitter [@Northburn School](https://twitter.com/Northburn_School) if you wish to follow us, please email your twitter name so that we are able to recognise you and accept you. Email:[admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk)

Last week, I talked to the children about the introduction of the Northburn School Award. Your child will be able to choose from a range of enrichment activities to complement our core curriculum. They will also be able to set themselves a personal challenge. At the end of each phase they will be awarded a school badge. Exceptional effort will be rewarded with a special gold award badge. The badges have been designed by the children. You can find out more on our school website. The children will be finding out more from their form teachers over the next couple of weeks.

Year 3 and 4 (last year) won the Headteacher Challenge for making a significant improvement to the school grounds, well done! They have decided to buy some ridge tents to support the outdoor curriculum and I'm sure they will share with other phases.

We have some tables, surplus to our requirements, as we have some larger tables which have been kindly donated to us. If you would like a table please contact the office. They would suit Nursery through to Year 2 children, are in an ok condition, and would be perfect for homework!

We have two vacancies for lunch-time supervisors. If you are interested please contact the office, who will be able to give you more details.

I look forward to working with you all in the new academic year.

Mrs Clare Scott  
Headteacher

