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### Welcome Back!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer break and I am pleased to see that most pupils have settled well into their new routines. It has been great to see so many parents in the yards this week and catching up with everyone. All pupils look very smart and proud with their new school uniforms, ready to start learning again across this term.

I am continuing with our regular newsletters and I will put them onto our school website [www.farne.newcastle.sch.uk](http://www.farne.newcastle.sch.uk) so please check for updates and further information.

We have had some building work carried out over the summer holidays including our new MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) in the Key Stage 2 yard. The car parking outside of school has also been completed and hopefully this should alleviate a lot of our parking concerns. Please do not use Callerton Court as a turning point for cars etc... as this causes difficulties with safety for the elderly residents.

Our new cycle racks for the Key Stage 1 and 2 yards should have been fitted over the holidays, however there has been a delay with the order. Hopefully they should be installed soon.

### Reminders...

Please remember to label all items of your child's clothing, with their name and class. Please remember that no jewellery is allowed in school. If your child has had their ears pierced, it is school policy that they must be removed before coming into school or if they can't be removed, they must be taped up. **It is also our school policy that extreme haircuts and styles are not permitted for school.**

Please remember that our school PE kit consists of: blue shorts, plain blue or plain white t-shirt and sandshoes or trainers. We suggest that pupils bring their PE kit in on Mondays and leave them in school all week.

**Please remember that we start school at 8:55am and the school gates are open from 8:45am.**

### Healthy School Award

As we are intending to apply for the Healthy School Award Plus status, Mrs Blackith has been reinforcing the healthy eating message in assemblies this week. The Local Authority have advised us that there are only a few schools who do not monitor the contents of packed lunch boxes, Farne being one of them.

Mrs Blackith showed pupils what a 'balanced diet' should look like and how to be healthy by drinking low sugar fruit juices or water. Most of our parents are providing wonderful packed lunches that are balanced and healthy, however some packed lunches still need a healthy balance of foods. Mrs Blackith has produced a leaflet which may provide more ideas about how to create a healthy packed lunch which she has put in all packed lunch boxes.

**Please also remember all pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal!**

## Dates for your Diary...

### Year 6 Advance Notice!

Year 6 will have their SATs examinations during the week of **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017** inclusive. It is essential that all pupils attend during this week to reflect the hard work that our Year 6 pupils have put into preparing for their tests! No holidays will be authorised during this important week!

### Homework

We will continue to emphasise homework this year. All classes will get homework on a regular basis and your support with this is essential to ensure that learning continues to take place beyond our school.

### Pupil Interest Clubs



Pupil Interest Clubs run after school and are based on the interests of our pupils. This half term, our pupils have been asked which clubs they would like to have after school and Mr Boardman has organised a timetable for them.

All letters and places are allocated and they begin next week. The last sessions will be during the week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Please bear in mind that staff run these clubs voluntarily and I am very grateful for their commitment to our school.

### September

19 <sup>th</sup>	After school clubs start
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tempest Individual Photographs
30 <sup>th</sup>	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am - 10am

### October

18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Carer Open Night Family Harvest Lunch Day 1
19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Carer Open Night Harvest Family Lunch Day 2
20 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils break up for Half Term Harvest Festival Assembly 9.30am (coffee/tea from 9am)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Staff INSET Day
31 <sup>st</sup>	Pupils return to school

### November

8 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Bikeability Day 1 (pupils need bikes)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Bikeability Day 2 (pupils need bikes)

### December

7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Pantomime Theatre Royal (Y2-Y6 pupils)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre (1.30pm onwards)
12 <sup>th</sup>	Going4Gold Assembly (invite only)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day
16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception, Y1, Y2 Christmas Parties
19 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Parties
20 <sup>th</sup>	Y4, Y5, Y6 Christmas Parties
21 <sup>st</sup>	Break up for Christmas Holidays

### January

5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET Day - school closed to pupils</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET Day - school closed to pupils</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>

### School INSET Days this year...

This year, schools have 5 INSET days for staff development and training. On these days, our school will be CLOSED to pupils. Our INSET days this year are...

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

During the MacMillan Coffee Morning (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September), Mrs Diaz will be recruiting Friends of Farne, to organise school discos and help with fayres. If you are interested, please come along or email school on [admin@farne.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@farne.newcastle.sch.uk). We would like to get this group up and running so any help would be appreciated. You can also see our parent governors (Mrs Jill Jones, Mrs Fiona MacFadyen, Mr David Crook and Mrs Jo Bruce) in the school yards.



Pupils will have their coffee morning with the school home made biscuits, during playtime on this day. They may also buy other cakes or biscuits too.

You are welcome to make a cake donation if you wish 'Make it or fake it', however please bring them in on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September or on the morning of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Class	This week's attendance
Reception	92.7%
Year 1	98.4%
Year 2 ★	99.2%
Year 3 ★	99.1%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5 ★	100%
Year 6	93.3%
Whole School	97.3%

### Attendance

Our attendance target is 96% for this academic year. Please remember that no school holidays during term time will be authorised, however you still need to complete a holiday form (available from the school office or our website). Mrs Diaz is our Family and Attendance Welfare Officer should you have any questions or queries.

### What is my child learning this term?

Today, class teachers will send home your child's curriculum booklet, informing you about what they will be learning this term! Also included will be details of homework and reading routines as well as information about PE days.



**Attendance** - if our whole school attendance reaches our 96% target, pupils will have an additional playtime during the following week!

Thank you for your ongoing support, Mr Gallon (Head Teacher) Mrs Blackith (Deputy Head Teacher)



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