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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest newsletter. And a warm welcome, too, to Bertie, William, Aubrey and Amy who are settling in really well as the youngest members of our school.

If you are having trouble accessing newsletters via 'Parentmail', please do let us know and we will try and sort it out. The newsletter, and the dates, are also published on our website.

Walk to School Week

Next week is WALK to SCHOOL week. We would encourage the children to walk, scoot or bike to school as much as possible during the week. It's cheaper, healthier and better for the environment. There will be a walking bus on **Monday** from Sidgate departing promptly at **8.40am**. If your child would like to join the walking bus, please meet Mrs Hall and Mrs Hodgson at the bus stop from 8.35 am. We hope to arrange a walking bus from the Fourstones direction later in the week. I'll let you know if we manage to sort this out.

Cake Sale

Thank you to all of you who supported the cake sale last week by baking, buying or looking after the stall. The final total raised was £78.

PTA Film Night

Thank you again to all those of you who supported the film night. The children were incredibly well- behaved and it was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you as well to the PTA for organising the event and to the staff for giving up their evening. The total raised was a magnificent £135.

Football team

The squad are in action again on the afternoon of Wednesday 17th May. They are playing in a tournament with Greenhead and Whitfield at Greenhead starting at 1pm. We wish them all the best!

We are still looking for parents to help with transport. If you are available, please could you let Mr Chapman know.

Bags2School collection 8th June

A reminder that we are organising another BAGS2SCHOOL collection. The children will each bring home a bag before half term which can be filled with old clothes, shoes, handbags and so on. If you need more bags, it's fine to use

E-safety meeting for Parents

Do you know how to keep your children safe online? Do you know what they are up to and who is talking to them? On **MONDAY 19th JUNE at 2pm** we are holding an e-safety training session for parents/ grandparents. The session will be run by John Devlin, the LA lead on safety.



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a bin bag. We are paid per kilo for anything we collect so start sorting out all those winter woollies in readiness.

There will be a creche in school for those of you with younger children.
There are also lots of links on our website to more useful information.

Getting Ready for Work

This term, we are inviting people from a range of jobs to come in to school and talk to the children about their work, what it involves and the training they needed. This is to try and give the children a taste of the wide range of opportunities and careers that are open to them.

So far, we have heard from some ICT programmers, a GP and a police officer and we have a mechanic and a cook lined up for future weeks.

If you would be willing to give up half an hour of your time to come and talk to the children about your job and what it entails, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Summer Fair

This year's summer fair will be held on Saturday 17th June from 12-2pm. You may have seen the BMX bike which has been kindly donated as a raffle prize by Halfords. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so put the date in your diary and look out for further information and ways that you can get involved.

Mini Police

Our Mini Police have now received training from the local police on how to deliver key messages about online safety. They shared these messages with all of Class 3 this week in a very professional way.

Collective Worship

Our theme for Collective Worship this term is 'Our Planet and its People'.

Holidays in term time

A reminder that schools cannot authorise holidays in term time. There are only a few, limited and exceptional circumstances in which we can authorise extended absences.

When children are absent from school, they miss not only the teaching provided on the days when they are away, but are also less prepared for the lessons that follow which build on prior knowledge and teaching.

Good attendance at school is linked to achievement, progress and attainment academically.

And finally.....

As ever, your views and feedback on anything, large or small, are very welcome.



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Thought for the day

Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday.

John Wayne

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 17th May Football tournament 1pm Greenhead Volunteer drivers needed

Friday 26th May Finish for half term

Monday 5th June Back to school

Tuesday 6th June PTA Meeting 7pm all welcome

Thursday 8th June Bags 2 School collection

Saturday 17th June 12-2pm Summer Fair Spread the word

Wednesday 21st June Y4 Leavers Service at Newcastle cathedral

Thursday 22nd June Class 2 and 3 visiting Beamish

Wednesday 12th July Y5 outdoor activity day (Change of date)

Tuesday 11th July Sports Day

Thursday 13th July Reserve Sports Day

Monday 17th July- Wednesday 19th July Broomley Grange residential trip for Y4 children

Friday 21st July End of term