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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer term- even if no-one has told the weather! We really do have an action packed few weeks coming up. I've included details of as many up and coming events as possible within the newsletter and even more in the 'dates for your diary' section.

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.

School Funding

Many of you will have seen or heard news reports recently about the financial difficulties that schools are facing at the moment. We will do our utmost at Newbrough to minimise the impact of any funding cuts on the quality of education and care that your children receive. However, money is tight.

One of the many ways you can help is by supporting events that the PTA members are organising. The money that they raise benefits YOUR children directly by buying equipment (Footballs, new goalposts, iPads for example) or helping us to fund projects like the library refurbishment. The members of the committee work tremendously hard on our behalf and I am very grateful to them. Please do support the events- even the smallest contribution makes a difference!

Cake Sale

The PTA are holding one of their ever- popular cake sales after school on **Wednesday 3rd May**. All donations of cakes will be gratefully received. Please do come along and support this. The cakes are always lovely and very reasonably priced! Children who come to school in a taxi are welcome to bring a small amount of money to school and will get chance to choose a cake before the end of the day.

PTA Film Night Thursday 4th May 5.30pm

The PTA are organising a film night for the children on Thursday evening. There will be a choice of 2 films for Class 2 and 3. We will let the children know the choices next week. Class1 will be watching a short film and having a bedtime story with Mrs Stevens.

Times: Class 2 and 3 5.30-7pm
Class 1 (Nursery and Reception) 5.30- 6.15pm

The cost is £3 per child to include hot chocolate and popcorn.

The children can bring a pillow and teddy if they wish.



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Football team

The football squad played their first match just before the Easter break against Shaftoe Trust Primary School. We were very proud of the way they all played. The final score was 3-2 to Shaftoe. Our goal scorers were Johnny and Alfie.

Well done to the players: Louis, Johnny, Alfie, Joshua, Archie, Becky, Holly, Katy, Rowan, Harry, Oscar, Alex and Billyjames.

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.

If any parents are available to help with transport, please could you let Mr Chapman know.

PE this half term

Apologies if there has been a lack of clarity over days for PE this week. I have been waiting confirmation of final details from our Sports Coaches. The arrangements for this term are:

Class2 will have PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Themes for this half term are Dance and Class 3 will also have PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Themes for this half term are: rounders and gymnastics or Kwik cricket depending on the weather.

Kids run free will continue on a Tuesday lunchtime.

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.

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..

Bags2School collection 8th June

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. We are paid per kilo for anything we collect. So, start sorting out those unwanted winter woollies and clear some space on the shoe rack while raising money for school at the same time!

Summer Fair

This year's summer fair will be held on Saturday 17th June from 12-2pm. It is already promising to be a great occasion. We have a local celebrity lined up to open proceedings for us as well as some fantastic donations for raffle prizes. 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.

Walk to School Week

This year's walk to school week is 15th-19th May. During this week, we will be encouraging the children to walk, scoot or bike to school as much as possible. It's cheaper, healthier and better for the environment. We hope to organise a 'Walking Bus' on 2 days that week. More details nearer the time.



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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.

Did you know that in an average week your child will miss 5 hours of literacy, 5 hours of maths, 2.5 hours of reading/ key skills or phonics work, 2 hours of PE, an hour of science, an hour of history or geography not to mention RE, PHSE, music, art, ICT and possibly French? That is a lot of learning to try and catch up on.

And finally.....

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

Thought for the day

'We know what we are, but know not what we may be' William Shakespeare

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 3 rd May	PTA Cake sale 3.15pm	Donations welcome!
Thursday 4 th May	PTA Film night 5.30- 6.15pm for Class1	
	5.30-7pm for Class 2 and 3	
Wednesday 17 th May	Football tournament 1pm Greenhead	Volunteer drivers needed
Friday 26 th May	Finish for half term	
Monday 5 th June	Back to school	
Tuesday 6 th June	PTA Meeting 7pm all welcome	
Thursday 8 th June	Bags 2 School collection	
Saturday 17 th June	12-2pm Summer Fair	Spread the word
Wednesday 21 st June	Y4 Leavers Service at Newcastle cathedral	
Thursday 22 nd June	Class 2 and 3 visiting Beamish	
Wednesday 5 th July	Y5 outdoor activity day	
Tuesday 11 th July	Sports Day	
Thursday 13 th July	Reserve Sports Day	
Monday 17 th July- Wednesday 19 th July	Broomley Grange residential trip for Y4 children	
Friday 21 st July	End of term	