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Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Newsletter

It has been so lovely to welcome our children back in to school, along with some new faces. There is a lovely buzz around the school with lots of children keen to chatter to their friends and catch up again.

The overwhelming feeling from the children is that they are delighted to be back and to see their teachers and friends and have really enjoyed their schooling. They have quickly settled down to their work and established good working routines – long may this continue! On behalf of us all, we'd like to wish you a **Happy Easter** and say a big **'thank you'** to everyone for your hard work over the past few weeks.

Another term has come and gone. Easter time holidays are with us again! Sadly for a second year running everyone is going to have to celebrate Easter differently due to the ongoing coronavirus restrictions. This year Easter takes place between Friday April 2 and Monday April 5 2021. The usual customs of the festival, a family meal and bank holiday celebrations, will again need to be adapted so we can all celebrate safely.

If cases remain low and people continue to take the vaccine when it is offered to them then the Government says it is planning to ease restrictions slightly from 29 March 2021. From that date, the stay at home rule will end and outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside. However people will need to remain cautious.

Northumberland County Council has advised that:

- if residents are planning on using the county parks for things like picnics then they are advised to stay away from busy areas, either coming back at a less busy time or moving to a less busy area of the park.
- Residents must remember to continue to follow 'hands, face, space'. It is important to remember to keep 2m away from those you do not live with or are not in a support bubble with - the virus is still there and even if someone has had a dose of the vaccine, they could still carry and spread the virus unknowingly.
- Nonetheless try to get outdoors for some fresh air and fingers crossed there is no rain!

Positive Cases of Covid-19 during the Easter holidays

The Government has asked schools to support the NHS Test and Trace system during the start of the holidays in order to help reduce the spread of Covid-19.

If your child develops symptoms during the holidays, you should arrange for them to be tested.





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Please let us know if your child tests positive for Covid-19 AND their symptoms emerged within 48 hours of being in school (Saturday 27th or Sunday 28th) so that we can alert parents of children within that bubble and members of staff.

You should inform school by either Email or text message.

The Department for Education continues to keep schools updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and have launched a new Coronavirus helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone 08000468687, opening hours are 8:00am to 6:00pm (Monday to Friday) or via email at DfE.Coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Summer Term

Staff have been busy preparing exciting lessons for the next term and here are the focus themes the children will undertake.

EYFS Next term Reception will be covering some exciting topics including fairy tales and castles, pirate and where in the world. We can't wait to enjoy the great outdoors and have lots of opportunities to explore.

We hope you enjoy your Easter holidays and a well-deserved break.

KS1 We are really looking forward to our topics next term as both Year 1 and Year 2 will be focusing on our beautiful coastline and looking at seaside holiday resorts around the UK. A lot of our learning will be linked with this topic.

We will be reading the book '**Lighthouse Keepers Lunch**' and finding out what those pesky seagulls get up to in the story. All of the staff are looking forward to creating some healthy snacks for the lighthouse keeper and also to look at creating a vehicle to help him with his battle against the seagulls.

We will be drawing some wonderful observational drawing of our coastline and then finishing our summer term off by looking at seaside holidays from the past. All of the Key Stage 1 team wish everyone a happy Easter and hope you all enjoy some well-earned rest.

Lower KS2 Years 3 and 4 will be studying some favourite authors and books including **Mr Stink** by David Walliams and **The Tin Forest** by Helen Ward during which they will be exploring their own dreams.

A study of Anglo- Saxons will give them opportunity to demonstrate their skills with clay as they become historians and archaeologists. In science, the children will explore the living things in their





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local environment and they will investigate how the environment can change and pose a danger to living things. They will learn how the digestive system operates in humans and the role of teeth in the feeding process.

Upper KS2

Year 5 and 6 will be travelling to America next term through their English and Geography topics. They will begin in North America and will then travel to the South American Rainforest. There will be lots of opportunities for them to get creative and explore these regions in detail.

P.E. Days

Children in KS1 and KS2 should come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

These will be:

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Reception | | KLR | MSR | | |
| Year 1 | KSp1 | LB1 | | KSp1 | LB1 |
| Year 2 | BD2 SS2 | | BD2 | | SS2 |
| Year 3 | | | JR3 AH3 | AH3 | JR3 |
| Year 4 | | ER4 SH4 | SH4 | ER4 | |
| Year 5 | SB5 RB5 | | SB5 | RB5 | |
| Year 6 | | LG6 CC6 | LG6 | | CC6 |

Happy Retirement Mrs Hume

I am sure you will join us in wishing **Mrs Hume** a very happy retirement and thanking her for her amazing contribution to our school. She is such a **Shanklea Superstar** and we are all going to miss her so much.





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Shanklea Superstars



Congratulations to the **Shanklea Stars** from last week

Skylar H Billy R Brody S Mia P Anastasia B Harper N
 Ella C Sadie G Anthony M Dylan C Daniel J Savannah P
 Jessica C Frankie A Dylan A Eryn R



Happy Half-term

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and a safe and restful school holiday period. I hope you are all able to take time to enjoy the company of family and friends as the national lockdown hopefully eases. As we head into the Bank Holiday weekend we are fully aware that this is an Easter like no other. We wish you all the best for a safe and happy break. We'd also like to thank you for your efforts so far in sticking to the government instructions of regular hand washing, only going out when you absolutely need to and keeping two metres apart from people you don't live with. I look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for Term 3 on Monday 12th April 2021.



Stay safe.

Mrs H Brown
 Head Teacher





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Cramlington school says fond farewell to cook

A school cook is hanging up her apron after serving thousands of meals to children.



Bye bye Mrs Hume
Goodbye
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Goodbye

You're the one who cooks us dinner
Mrs Hume you are a winner
Ooo, you make lovely food

Your mince and dumplings are so delicious
Your spag hetti bolog naise is so not orious
Shanklea School will really miss you

Bye bye Mrs Hume
Goodbye
Bye bye Mrs Hume
Goodbye

Mrs Hume you are really funny
When you're around it always feels so sunny
Ooo, YES GEORGE it's true

Mrs Hume when you retire
The aeroplane will take you higher
Cheap term time holidays for you

Bye bye Mrs Hume
Goodbye
Bye bye Mrs Hume
Goodbye

