

Dear Parents

Let's start with some good news! At the end of last term Miss Guttridge devised lots of challenges for the staff which were extremely well supported. Whether having the children pour buckets of water over teachers' heads, face painting, a hosing down from the fire brigade, dressing up or running through Allendale dressed as Peppa Pig, it was well worth it as we raised a huge amount of money for the outdoor classroom and garden area. Then during the summer holiday we were awarded the Calor £5000 prize for the project. Enormous thanks to everyone who joined in the challenges and supported the project. We will keep you up to date with its progress.

Also during the summer holiday, we were informed that we have been shortlisted for the Love Northumberland Awards - Sustainable Travel. The Awards take place at Alnwick Gardens this Thursday afternoon.

The children had the chance to see the Tour of Britain cyclists racing past the school last Friday; Mr Vincent has posted a photo on our Facebook page of the children cheering on the riders.

Sadly Mrs Adey will be leaving us at the end of the month. We are currently advertising for a part time admin officer to work Thursdays and Fridays in School. The advert can be found at:

https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Admin_Officer/212917

Unfortunately, we're already hearing about covid cases in schools. We have decided that our classes will run as bubbles whilst inside the building but the children can mix freely together during outdoor playtimes. The children sanitise their hands on entry to school and the windows and doors are open all day in the classrooms to provide ventilation. If we do have a positive case, we will inform you and will ask that any close contacts have a PCR test before they return to school. If you or a member of your household tests positive, we request that children have a PCR test to confirm they are negative before attending school.

Due to the amount of disruption to schools last year, holidays in term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. If parents choose to take their child out of school on holiday without exceptional circumstances this will be an unauthorised absence and may be subject to a fixed penalty notice from the local authority.

Just a reminder to fill in the permission and medical information forms if you haven't already done so.

Mrs A Hawkins
Headteacher