



Please remember, we have an open door policy - Kathy Davies is your first port of call and she will be happy to arrange an appointment with Mrs Lakey, or a class teacher, if she cannot resolve your query. Daily updates are available on our Facebook page.

We break up for half term on Friday 25th October and return on **TUESDAY 5th November**. **Monday the 4th is a Teacher Training day**

Our school football league has got off to a great start. We have played 1 match so far. Our second match is this week. Thank you to the parents who are supporting our footballers.

Norma Young kindly continues to collect clothes, shoes, bedding (not duvets) towels and curtains for us at the Christon Bank shop, for the Great North Air Ambulance appeal. Please drop in any donations over the half term. The next pick up is on Tuesday 15th October. A percentage of the total raised goes back into school funds and the rest to an extremely valuable local service that has touched the lives of many of us.

On Tuesday 15th October, Reception - Y6 will be given flu immunisations by nasal spray. Permissions have already been collected. Unfortunately, we will need the hall so will be unable to run our Toddler Group on this afternoon.



On Friday 18th October, the P.T.A. 'Welcome back to the School Year' disco takes place - details have been sent out.

On Tuesday 22nd October, the whole school will take part in Diwali workshops and we will have a Diwali themed lunch. Anyone who usually brings a packed lunch from home can have a Diwali lunch at a cost of £2.30. Please let us know by the end of next week.



On Wednesday 23rd October, individual school photos will be taken. Siblings who are not yet in the Early Years unit are welcome to come at 8.30am to be photographed together. Every school age child with a brother or sister, will have an individual photo taken as well as a group shot. If you don't require both, please let us know as this will speed up the process. Please make sure your child is dressed smartly in school uniform, with tidy hair.

Gymnastics after school will continue until Monday 21st October. After half term, the Monday sports club will change to cricket with Tom Vickers. Please sign up a.s.a.p. so we can judge the interest.

On Wednesday 6th November, Y6 will be going to Robinwood for their residential trip. If anyone needs a further kit list or has any questions, please get in touch.



On Friday 15th November, it will be Pudsey Bear Day: non-uniform; wear something spotty if you have it and bring a donation for this fantastic charity.

Please have a PE kit in school. Always bring a coat. Don't forget swimming on Thursdays. Please stay away from school for 48 hours if you have been sick or have diarrhoea.



On Tuesday 3rd December, Eys, R and KS1 will be performing their Nativity play at 1.30pm in the school hall. This will be repeated at 5.30pm on Wednesday 4th December.

On Tuesday 10th December, Y5 and 6 will be going to Newcastle to see the pantomime Cinderella. They will return at approximately 4.30pm and will need collecting from school. More details will be given closer to the time.



On Tuesday 10th December, the Early Years children will be going to Alnwick Gardens for Christmas festivities. More details will be given closer to the time.

On Wednesday 11th December, there will be a further Operation Encompass parent drop in at 2.45pm.

There will be other dates later on in the term. We will keep you informed, please ask us any questions.

The weather is getting colder; please make sure your children are warm enough for outdoor play. They will need a coat, hat and gloves and outdoor PE clothes. (warm navy joggers and a PE hoodie). Please always have a change of shoes in school. It is difficult to do PE in your school shoes!



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