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Welcome back to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a relaxing Easter break and not indulged too much on the chocolate front! Welcome back to the last term of this academic year. The first half is a short one, only five weeks long and we have SATS tests to fit in for our year 2 and year 6 pupils. It is essential that your child is in school and doesn't miss these exams. It shouldn't be a stressful time for your child, but you can help by ensuring they sleep and eat well and come to school on time.

Remember, that I am also running an after school SATS club for all year 6 children on the first three Thursdays. I wish everyone good luck!

Once the SATS are done and dusted, the year 6s have the London trip to look forward to in early June.

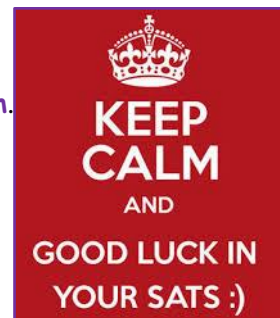
Parents are invited to an information session about the trip on **Thursday 2nd May at 4.30pm.**

It should last for around half an hour -

I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a good half term.

Kevin Moloney



Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ SATS KS1
Week beginning 29th April
- ◆ Ford Class Beach School
Friday 3rd May
- ◆ Beamish Trip Y1/2
Wednesday 8th May
- ◆ SATS KS2
Week beginning 13th May
- ◆ Alnwick Castle Class Assembly
Tuesday 21st May,
9.15am

Please keep checking the calendar on the school website for more events as they happen

This first half of the summer term is 23 days long meaning we break up on Friday 24th May. There are 2 bank holidays - Monday 22nd April and Monday 6th May.

Pupil Information Forms 2019-2020

Keep an eye out for an updated form going home for everyone to complete. We try and update the information we hold every few years and it is vital we have the latest contact details and permissions for your child - please complete it in full and return to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Get involved

Community Speed Watch is a national initiative where active members of the local community join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. The Parish Council are looking for people to be involved in our area. If you are interested please contact Liz Taylor (Parish Clerk) at: lesburyparishclerk@googlemail.com



Environment matters...from bird boxes to bottle tops and bric-a-brac



What another busy Eco Club we had last half term! We enjoyed painting some bird boxes and we hope to see birds nesting in them in the near future. A big thank you to Paul Mirfield from Pegswood Blue Watch (a retired fireman) for making them from recycled wood. They are in our early years woodland area if you wish to take a look.

We also had a visit from Paul Morrison, a resident Coquet Island Warden, talking about life on the island and how we need to look after our seas and help stop pollution. We thank him so much for spending his precious time with us, because on that day all of the puffins had decided to arrive home! Also, the island has the highest tern population in the whole country and it was amazing to find out how they made their nests on the island!

Finally we had a fabulous Jumble Sale and raised £140 which will go towards our Eco Club funds. All of the unsold clothes and bric-a-brac went to both the Northumberland Hospice Shop and St Cuthberts Care in Newcastle, who help refugees.

A huge thank you to all of you who supported this event by donating clothes and gifts, and a special thanks to the parents and children who helped out.



Eager helpers at the jumble sale



Send us your lids and bottle tops

We have had a great start to our Eco Club for the summer term but we need your help! Can you please save your plastic bottle tops/lids and send them in to school? We have red and green milk bottle lids coming out of our ears and we would love some alternative colours. We are aiming for a sunset seascape collage so the more unusual the better - lots of different blues, oranges and yellows - so marmite lovers and coffee drinkers might well be our target audience!

Our returning and new Eco Club members are also going to recycle a sock or glove so send in that odd sock lurking in your sock drawer (there's always one) or a glove plus anything specific you might like to accessorize it with. Many thanks for your support...we will keep you updated with our crafty recycling outcomes.



Competition eggstravaganza

The governors had an eggstremely difficult challenge judging the decorated eggs competition just before we broke up last half term. After much deliberation and discussion, the following children were presented with a winner's chocolate egg during our Celebration Assembly. Well done to everybody for taking part and coming up with some eggciting ideas!

Pre-school
Myles

Reception
Henry B

Year 1
Alfie

Year 2
Isobel



Year 3
Lily

Year 4
Olivia May

Year 5
Lyla

Year 6
Emily

FOOD ALLERGIES

We have a small number of pupils in school with severe nut allergies. Exposure to nuts and nut products can cause a rapid and serious reaction for these individuals. As a school, we regularly discuss allergies and anaphylaxis in assembly in an effort to raise awareness and understanding. We know nuts can form a healthy part of a nutritional diet, however, we ask for your co-operation in not sending any nut product in to school with your child.

Thank you.



Sports News!



On Tuesday 2nd April Mrs Burroughs held end of term, inter-class Hockey competitions. The winners for **Ford** were **North Crew**, the winners for **Dunstanburgh** were **East Crew**. Well done everyone!



Year 4s are swimming for the whole of the summer term, starting Wednesday 24th April. Each session costs £4.50.

£22.50 for summer 1;
£31.50 for summer 2;
£54.00 in total.

Please pay promptly - we like cash and cheques payable to NCC. You only need to write one cheque - just write on the back what it is you're paying for!



A school dinner costs £2.30
23 days @£2.30 = £52.90

Menus are on the school website. We would ask that you keep on top of lunch payments - in advance or on the day - thank you.