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Dear Parents,

Thank you

Over the last few weeks, I have been really touched by the kindness and generosity of our school community. With school budgets becoming ever tighter, I been overwhelmed by the amount of support from parents donating gardening equipment for our growing project in Y3 & 4, asking businesses to support with donations of vegetable troughs, compost, seeds and gardening equipment. Parents have been kindly collecting plastic bottles - which is still ongoing. We even have parents who have successfully applied for grants to get new books for our library or new Forest School equipment. We have parents who volunteer their time to hear children read and support us on trips. Thank you very much indeed. This support and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Class Structures

I am delighted to inform you that next academic year we are able to run four classes as follows:

Reception & Year 1 Class (16 pupils) - Mrs Siswick & Mrs Stanley

Year 1 & 2 Class - Mrs Morris

Year 3 & 4 - Mr McLeod

Year 5 & 6 - Mrs Stocks.

Parents of children in Year 1 in the Reception/ Year 1 class have already been consulted prior to this letter going out.

Year 3 & 4 & 5 Residential to Ford Castle

The children in Y3, 4 & 5 will be leaving on Monday 13th May for their exciting trip to Ford Castle. Please could all children bring their named luggage into school in the morning and leave them in the school hall. Children will then proceed to their classroom as normal for learning which will take place before they leave. The coach will leave at an **approximate** time of 10:30am-11am, when the children and coach are ready to depart.

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Calor Rural Community Fund

Our school has registered for the Calor Rural Community Fund many months ago to enter a competition to receive £5000 towards refurbishing one of our classrooms. People vote for which of the Calor Rural Projects they would like to win via their website. Please could we ask that you vote for our school on the link <https://www.calor.co.uk/shop/communityfund/project/list/year/2019> You can search for the project as Anniversary Refurbishment. In order to vote, they do ask you to login and create an account but you can opt out of receiving information. Please spread the word with others. Thank you.

Monies

A reminder that any payments for lunch, trips, residentials or outstanding swimming contributions can be paid this half term and cheques made payable to Northumberland County Council. Thank you.

Summer Term Assessments

During the Summer Term, summative assessments do take place. Children are required to be in school for these assessments and therefore leave of absence will not be authorised during a testing period. Year 2, end of Key Stage One tests take place in May. Year 1 phonics test will take place week beginning 10th June. Key Stage 2, Year 6 SATS will take place in the week beginning 13th May. The results of the test will be reported to parents along with their end of year report.

Punctuality & Attendance

Please could we remind parents that school begins at 8:55am. We have some children who consistently receive a late mark due to starting school after 9am. Children begin their learning at 8:55am and it is essential children are in school and ready to learn by this time. Door opens at 8:45am.

Leave of absence during term time is only granted in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

Head lice

It has been brought to our attention that there has been an outbreak of head lice in our school. Please may we request that you check your child's hair carefully this evening and if you find eggs or lice please

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treat immediately with appropriate medication. Please ensure all children have their hair tied back for school each day to try and prevent further outbreaks.

Class School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 8th May to take class photographs. Order forms and proofs will be sent to you in due course.

Sharing Learning Session

We would like to invite parents to a Sharing Learning session on Monday 20th May at 2:30pm. This is an opportunity to come into school and share the learning that has taken place so far by looking through your child's books with your child. The class teacher will be available in the room but no formal appointment times are given on this occasion. If you need to see your child's class teacher formally, please make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Dates for Diaries

Monday 6th May - School closed for bank holiday

Monday 8th May - Class photographs.

Monday 13th May - Y 3, 4 & 5 trip to Ford castle until Wednesday 15th May

Monday 13th May - Y6 SAT grammar, punctuation and spelling tests.

Tuesday 14th May - Y6 SAT Reading test

Wednesday 15th May - Y6 SAT mathematics - arithmetic and reasoning

Thursday 16th May - Y6 SAT mathematics - reasoning.

Tuesday 21st May - KS2 Rounders Competition at Alnmouth Cricket Club 3:30-5pm.

Friday 24th May - Reception dental checks.

Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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