



# THE DALES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2019

**Dear Parent / Carer**

This term, you will notice our newsletter is much shorter!! This not due to the fact that the Children have nothing to celebrate, as life at the Dales has been busier than ever.

The reason for this is due to the opening of our new site in Ashington, (**Ashdale**), and the impact this has had over both sites. We felt that the newsletter this term, should be an update on this, as it is moving at a very fast pace.

### Ashdale

Officially opened on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019, our first intake of nine new children, are very settled into their new school. Their class is named '*Alnwick*'.

After the February half term, 2 classes from the Blyth site, (now known as **Blythdale**), transferred across to Ashdale with their staff team. This was after a consultation and visit by parents.

Blagdon and Druridge classes have now settled well into the new site and their shiny new classrooms.

Over the last few weeks, we have admitted more new children into the Ashdale site. '*Ashington*' is the name of our latest new class. The current total at Ashdale is 33.

### Blythdale

As Blagdon and Druridge classes moved to the Ashdale site, this gave us the opportunity to take more new children into the Blythdale site, and also move some of our existing children into new classes. '*Seahouses*' and '*Warkworth*' are our new classes at Blythdale.

This has been a very busy and exciting time for us all, (and we still have 14 spaces ). Northumberland County Council, are keeping us very busy, and we have a lot of EHCP's to consider after the Easter Term.

Our current numbers at present are : **Blythdale 93 Ashdale 33**. We aim to have a total 139 children, over both sites by the end of the Summer term.

We are also reviewing our 'Newsletter' and looking at other ways to keep in touch with parents so you know what your child is doing at school.

If you have any queries, regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On behalf of all the staff at The Dales, I would like to wish you a very safe and pleasant Easter Holiday.

**Dr Sue Fisher (Head Teacher)**