



**2nd October 2020**  
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Dear Families and Board Members,

It has been an interesting week with further restrictions being imposed on the North East of England. Thankfully life carries on as usual at Walbottle Village and we continue to do all we can so that it remains this way. Thank you to all of you who have collected your child when they have been unwell and booked a test straight away. Thankfully all pupils tested have been found to be negative and able to return to school. Rest assured that we have the systems in place should we, like many other schools in Newcastle, have a positive case. Please ensure that all of your details are up to date with the school office so that you (or a family member) are contactable throughout the school day.

### **Class Dojo**

Thank you to all of you that have signed up to and are using Class Dojo. Class Dojo is a great means of communicating with your child's class teacher. Your child brought a letter home about dojo but if you have yet to sign up you can also find out how to do so on our school website. Tapestry will continue to be used for the children in nursery and reception.

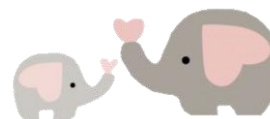


### **Phonic/Reading**

We would usually be inviting parents of our youngest children into school around this time to attend early reading workshops. As we are not currently in a position to do this, Mrs Ingles (our literacy lead) has put some useful posters on our school website. These include some really useful links about supporting your child with reading at home. There is also information about the library service. Did you know that you can register to borrow e books and audio books?

### **Goodbye for now**

We say good bye and good luck (for a little while) to Mrs Ingles today as she goes off on maternity leave. Mrs Ingles doesn't have long to wait now until her baby girl arrives. We will be sure to let you know when she does!



### **Ambulance Adoption**

Year 6 were extremely excited to name a 'Daft as a Brush' ambulance this week. During a session led by our head boy and head girl, they discussed various potential options for the ambulance and eventually decided on the name 'Hopeful Hearts.' The children had lots of fun choosing a name and feel honoured to be part of such an amazing cause. We now can't wait to see our chosen name on the ambulance when it comes to visit us!

### **Head Boy/Girl**

There have been lots of important roles in school to fill this week. School councilors have been chosen and we have all had the very difficult task of choosing our Head and Deputy Girls and Boys and year 6 pupil governors. Keep an eye on our website where the school council page will be updated.

Congratulations to:

Head Boy – Mason Wakenshaw

Head Girl – Roza Shamsaden

Deputy Head Boy – Jayden Katsande

Deputy Head Girl – Amelia Patterson

Pupil Governors – Jack Lough, India Walker and Demi Ravenhall

### **School Photographs**

Our school photographs are due to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> October. Because of Covid restrictions in place in school currently, we will only be offering individual photographs. Each class will be taken to the hall in their bubble. You will soon receive further information about ordering your child's photo should you wish to.

### **KEY DATES**

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Mid-Term reports posted to home address

14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Individual School Photographs

26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Flu vaccinations

Kindest Regards  
Mrs A. Oliver  
Head Teacher