



# Mountfield News



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## Welcome back to a new school year.

*Children are already settled in their new classes, getting into new routines and enjoying their exciting projects. There are a lot of smiles around school which is always great to see.*

*This year we hope to build further on last year's successes and aim to achieve even more for all children. We have lots of great projects planned which will enhance children's learning and enjoyment whilst developing essential skills. Our approach to the curriculum is what sets us apart and definitely helps develop independent learners with a love of learning.*

*Look out for our regular newsletters which will keep you informed.*



## Parent governor

We are currently seeking to recruit a parent Governor to join our school Governing Board. If anyone would like to discuss this opportunity please make an appointment with Mrs Shield who will be pleased to help. Alternatively, our Chair of Governors is Mr Elliott who could provide some background information. Application forms are available from the school office. If more than one Parent applies, we will need to have a parents election. All interest by Friday 5th October please.

## Reminders

- School begins at 8:55am, however we open all doors to allow children into school at 8:45am to ensure a clam start to the day.
- Children look really smart in their uniforms. Please keep this up and help us raise the profile of the school. Ensure all clothes have names in to avoid getting lost.
- Jewellery must not be worn at school and children will be asked to remove earrings for safety reasons.
- Please make sure shoes are black and preferably without logos, coloured stripes or **flashing lights**
- Leggings are not appropriate, so please avoid these and ensure girls wear trousers or skirts.
- Please remember we are a no smoking site and this includes VAPING.



## Important appeal

We have a greater amount of parents and carers either dropping off or collecting children by car. As we are an old school we do not have safe parking spaces inside the grounds so need you to park outside.

However inconsiderate parking by some is causing our neighbours stress as their drives are being blocked during these times and some people are even using drives to reverse! **I am sure you agree that this is unacceptable.**

Please be considerate when parking because even stopping for a few minutes can be very disruptive and in fact dangerous. We thank you in advance of your co-operation.

## Coffee! Cake!



Please come along on **Friday 28th September at 9am** for a coffee and cake to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care.

We will also have a non uniform day for children for a £1 donation

## Important date!

School funds are partly based on the amount of children who take up school meals. This information is collected once a year on **Thursday 4th October**. Please help us by letting your child stay for a school meal on this day.

## Essential questions

Each class has an essential question that drives their topic. It should be open to interpretation, non googleable and need investigation before coming to an answer.

Here are this term's questions .....

**Nursery- What makes me one in a million?**

**Reception- What makes me one in a million?**

**Year 1- Where might a spark take us?**

**Year 2- What mysteries does the sea hold?**

**Year 3- What can History leave behind?**

**Year 4- Do all journeys lead to a discovery?**

**Year 5- If a picture tells a thousand words- what will yours say?**

**Year 6- Are heroes a myth?**

## House team winners

As you know, we operate a house team system where children collect points for behaviour, work, attitude etc for their team. Each week the winning team is announced and the points collected up for termly prizes.

At the end of the summer term,

**Lindisfarne**



had the most points and all children received a medal.

## Key dates for Autumn 2018

We thought it would be useful to have some key dates for the whole term. There will be plenty more information in our fortnightly newsletters, so keep looking!



Information is also on our website <http://www.mountfield.newcastle.sch.uk>

Friday 14th September	Year 3 to Durham archaeological museum
Monday 17th September	Science day across school (lots of good activities and visitors)
Tuesday 18th September	Year 1 to Centre for Life Year 5 to visit Edinburgh
Wednesday 19th September	AM: Year 1 to Forest school- parents welcome PM: Year 2 to Forest school- parents welcome
Friday 21st September	9am: Kenton Assembly for Year 6 children and Parents AM: healthy snack to buy at playtime
Wednesday 26th September	9am: Reception parents reading workshop AM: Year 3 to Forest school PM: Year 4 to Forest school
Friday 28th September	MacMillan coffee morning 3:15pm: Cake sale
Wednesday 3rd October	AM: Year 3 to Forest school PM: Year 4 to Forest school
Thursday 4th and Friday 5th October	Year 3&4 residential to Kielder
Wednesday 10th October	AM: Year 3 to Forest school- parents welcome PM: Year 4 to Forest school- parents welcome Year 2 to Blue Reef Aquarium, Tynemouth
Monday 15th October	School photographs
Wednesday 17th October	AM: Nursery to Forest school PM: Reception to Forest school PM: Year 6 team games festival
Wednesday 24th October	9:05: Harvest assembly- parents welcome AM: Nursery to Forest school PM: Reception to Forest school
Thursday 25th October	Flu immunisations for Reception to year 5 3:15pm- school closes for half term
Friday 26th October	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED- TRAINING DAY</b>
Monday 5th October	<b>SCHOOL RESUMES AS USUAL</b>

You will be informed of the dates of all class project outcomes and Christmas activities when they have been arranged. Plenty more exciting events to come!