

December Newsletter.

Goodness it's that time of year, how did that happen? School has been bustling with activity. we have had our second successful coffee morning, and some fantastic Visitors in school. Our Wednesday Music sessions are going well and are getting more and more tuneful as the weeks go by. Watch this space for news of a performance.

Functional skills.

We had quite a few students who took their functional skill English exam in November and we can tell you that the results for these exams will be published on the 16th January 2020.

Dogs trust visit.



Our younger pupils enjoyed a session with Katie from the dog's trust. S2 used all that they had learnt from the session to produce their assembly. Katie was so impressed with our young people I thought I would share with you her feedback:

'Just a quick email to say thanks so much for allowing me to visit your amazing school today. Everyone was so welcoming and your pupils are just awesome! They were all bright and respectful without exception and they all had some really insightful idea and opinions!'

Careers week 3rd-7th February 2020.

We have lots of our year 11's wishing to go out on work experience and some of our parents have used their friends and family contacts to set up work experience for their young person. At school we believe that work experience is a key element of developing steps to adulthood and are suggesting that any parents who are arranging work experience do so for these dates. School has a work experience pack for parents and providers so if you can confirm with school if you have secured work experience for your young person.

For those pupils who are not out of school that week we will be arranging a week of careers based activities in school and these activities will be available for both year 11 and year 10.

Mock Examinations.

We will be holding mock examinations for pupils in year 11 the week commencing January 27th, Please can parents support this by making sure your young person attends all week and where possible avoid medical appointments this week.

Sad goodbye.

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Morgan who is a big part of the team, working with P1 and S1 also supporting some of our older pupils at break and lunch times.

Mrs Morgan is moving away from Northumberland and we wish her good luck in her new home.

Hello.

Anybody who has read the school development plan (available on our website), will know that we have been looking to further improve the school with a project manager. This is to add capacity to the school's leadership team. We have been incredibly lucky, as we have managed to secure the services of Caroline Tullet who will be working with us three days a week. Caroline has a great deal of experience in education, particularly for young adults and project management.

We still have a vacancy for a level 3 teaching assistant so spread the word.

Christmas fair.

Friday the 20th December sees the pupils hosting their second Christmas Fair. We are looking forward to welcoming as many parents/carers and family members as we did last year.

The pupils have been working hard on their products and are developing their enterprise skills with Virgin money.

The fair will take place from 10.00am until 12.00 and parents/carers will be able to take their young people home after the fair.

Please can you inform school if you intend to do this. The school will be closed from 12.00 and will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

All the staff team would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas break.



Hello to you all,

I am Charlotte Webb and I am the parent Governor at Nunnykirk. You may have met me at our school coffee mornings or at other parent events. I am mum to Corie who is in year 10 and has been at Nunnykirk for 2 years. In my spare time I enjoy walking my dog and pony carriage driving . I've been the Parent Governor for a year now, my main role is in improving relationships with our partners including the parents and carers of the pupils at the school. I have monthly meetings with Andy, our chairman to discuss any parents/carers concerns or ideas for improving our school and I'm happy to hear from any of you. I can be reached by email at lottiewebb83@gmail.com . I am also organising parent readers with Mr Chipchase, if you are interested in becoming a parent reader then please contact me. I am looking forward to meeting more of you at our Christmas fair next week.

A word from the Chair

It has been cold and bleak weather for some weeks, so it's a good job we have Christmas to look forward to! Those of you who have been with us for some years will know we have had financial difficulties in the past and we were unsure about the school's future. The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) who give us the money for each pupil who comes to the school, had assessed our financial position as inadequate and consequently we were under special measures for this. I am happy to say that our financial position is much more stable now, we have a financial plan for the next three years and the ESFA have now assessed our financial position as "Good". This has been due to the good financial management of the Governors and staff and I would like to thank them for their hard work.

Nunnykirk's future is more secure and we can all look forward to a good Christmas. I hope Santa is good to you all.