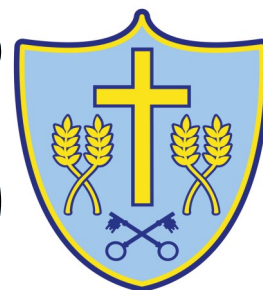


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News to You - Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term — 06.11.20

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent and Carer

I hope you enjoyed Autumn half term with your children and it was lovely to see them eager to return to school this week!

Yesterday, the second national lockdown commenced and we know that this will have varying effects on our school community and if school are able to assist in anyway, we will. Sadly, it may also mean that many of our families are in different positions financially. If you would like to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals please contact the Benefits Team at Hartlepool Borough Council on 01429 284188 or contact Miss Smith who will be more than happy to assist if they are able .

During this period of Lockdown, all COVID Protective systems and procedures will remain in place. The Risk Assessment is reviewed weekly, in light of new guidance and our own self evaluation and published on the school website.

Christmas

Within school, we regularly hold an 'Ask it Box' event. This enables the pupils to ask staff questions about the school and suggest ways in which it can be improved. We held this event recently and many of the pupils' questions were related to Christmas in school. We know that the Lockdown is scheduled to end on December 2nd but what is in place after that is an uncertain. Staff passionately want the children to have a fantastic , fun filled Christmas whilst staying safe. As the guidance is released, we will review what we can and cannot offer and we are also mindful to limit any additional stress and financial commitments to parents .

We have planned for the events below in the 'dates for the diary' but we are hoping that some more of our plans are able to come to fruition. If you have any ideas, we would love to hear them.

Photographs

Our school photographs are due to be taken on Friday 27th November. Unfortunately this year due to COVID-19 restrictions we are only able to have photos taken with siblings who are already in the school.

Knowledge Organisers and Information

You will of received information of the Knowledge Organisers for your child's class. This is a summary of the key knowledge from Autumn 2's teaching and learning. Our hope is that by sharing this with parents and carers, they will support children with their learning at home and additional recall really helps embed and retain knowledge. This information is also available on your child's class page of the website. Any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Catch Up

Throughout Autumn 1, pupils and staff have been working tirelessly to ensure that our pupils 'catch up'. From staff assessments, we offering some additional 'Catch Up and Intervention' sessions to small groups of identified children the weeks commencing November 9th and November 16th. If your child has been selected, you will receive a personalised letter from the class teacher. Please be assured, that this is nothing to worry about and is simply extra teaching and learning to fill an identified gap due to COVID – 19.

On a positive note, many of the children have said that in the previous Lockdown they enjoyed spending more time at home with their families. With this in mind, I wish you a lovely weekend with your children and hope you enjoy within the constraints of the weather and the new lockdown guidance.

Take care and be safe
Mrs Hill

AWARD WINNERS

Super Star

EYFS—Lincoln Coleman
Y1/Y2—Bella Wells
Y3/Y4—Kara Gray-
Fewster
Y5/Y6—Max Hall

St. Peter's Key

EYFS—Scarlette Lavelle
Y1/Y2—Percy Smith
Y3/Y4—Lucy Scott
Y5/Y6—Esme Moore

Golden Quill

EYFS—Belle Aggio
Y1/Y2—Matilda White
Y3/Y4—Freddie Mounter
Y5/Y6—Matilda Blyth

Maths Award

EYFS—Lily Mae-Stiller
Y1/Y2—Harrison Dignen
Y3/Y4—William Mounter
Y5/Y6—George Kirk

Reminder of Drop off and Collection times

Early Years

Drop off: 9.05am-9.15am
Collection: 3.05pm

Years 1 and 2

Drop off: 8.55am-9.05am
Collection: 3.15pm

Years 3 and 4

Drop off: 8.45am-8.55am
Collection: 2.55pm

Years 5 and 6

Drop off: 8.45am-8.55am
Collection: 2.45pm

St Peter's Elwick Family News

We would like to welcome Miss Burnham to the Elwick Team.



Our children have been working hard to create a beautiful poppy display. We are very proud of them all.



I would like to thank parents/carers for following guidelines and ensuring that individuals who are displaying one or more of the symptoms of Coronavirus must NOT enter the school premises and working with school by informing us immediately if your child is displaying symptoms. This helps to keep our children, staff and school community safe.

Children in Need this year is on Friday Nov 13th. There is no theme this year but we are allowing children to come to school in their own clothes.

The children will take part in activities throughout the day in their class bubbles.

If you wish to make a donation, you can do so via ParentPay or by using the link below. Due to the current guidance we are currently unable to handle cash donations.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1343>

Unfortunately due to government guidelines we are currently unable to invite parents into the school for any of the planned upcoming events. If at any point this guidance changes we will update you immediately.

Dates for your diary and other information.....

Friday 13th November—Full School—Children in need—Children can come to school in their own clothes and will take part in some activities within their class bubbles. Any donations can be made via the link provided, as we are currently unable to handle any cash donations.

Friday 27th November—Full School—Pupil Photographs—Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions we are only able to have photos taken with siblings who are already in the school.

Friday 11th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day—All Pupils—We would like to invite pupils to come to school in either a Christmas jumper, create their own Christmas outfit (e.g. wear some tinsel) or if they would prefer, come in their own clothes. **Due to the current restrictions we do not want our families worrying about buying new things for the children to wear, so they can come in whatever they wish.**

Thursday 17th December—All Pupils—Christmas Dinner and Dress Down Day— Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes or if they wish something Christmassy. If your child does not currently have a school meal and would like to have a Christmas dinner, please contact the school office by the 4th December.

Thursday 17th December—All Pupils—Christingle Service—The service this year will be held in school for children only.

Friday 18th December—All Pupils—Polar Express themed PJ Day —All pupils and staff can come into school wearing their favourite pyjamas. We are going to have a fun filled day watching Christmas movies and playing party games. Children are welcome to bring in a snack/treat.

Friday 18th December—All Pupils—School Closes at the end of the normal school day.

Tuesday 5th January—All Pupils—School reopens

Please ensure that you inform school if there are any changes to your child's medical needs or to your contact details. You must also keep your contact details up to date with ParentPay.

If you need support or any further information please do not hesitate to contact school via the Info.elwick@nllt.co.uk.