



## Fortnightly Newsletter - Week beginning 17 October 2022 – Edition no. 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Again, another busy couple of weeks. Lots of notices in this edition so I'll keep my section brief.

However, I do want to share an important piece of news with you, unfortunately, Mrs Claire Parker, our Teaching Assistant and After School Chat and Relax Leader has decided to leave. We are very sad to be losing her in these roles but wish her every success with her new ventures. We will therefore be needing to make some slight changes to the Chat and Relax provision after half term – please see page 3.

Mrs North

### Properly Proud



**28<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Class 2**

**All of Class 2, William,  
Finlay, Ava, Laurie, Ava (2),  
Rory, Hazel,**

**Class 1**

**Valentine, Clara, Rebecca,  
Olympia,**

**EYFS**

**Clara, Miss Tweddell**

**6<sup>th</sup> Oct – 11<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**EYFS**

**Frankie**

**Class 1**

**Olympia, Harley**

**Class 2**

**Nate, Alexis, Ava**

Well done everyone! We  
really enjoy sharing your  
proud moments with you!!

**28<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Class 2**

**Mrs Hilton, Nate, Rory,  
William, Freddie**

**Class 1**

**Rebecca, Emily, Finn,**

**EYFS**

**Matthew, Miss Tweddell**

### Harvest Festival Lunch

My first Harvest Lunch was an amazing experience, and I thank you all for joining us. The children were instrumental to the success of this from designing the menu, to cooking the food, and then Class 2 children waiting on tables, however as I mentioned on the day none of that could have been done without the careful planning and delivery from staff. So a very big thank you and well done to all involved. It was great to see the

amount of support for this event from your attendance and I know from speaking with many of you that you also enjoyed your time with us greatly.

The children are always looking for improvements so if you have anything that you would like to share with them about things that could be even better, or what you particularly enjoyed, can you jot a note at the end of this newsletter and send it back into school please.

### School Council discussions this fortnight

A vote was held and the children decided that the money raised from the **Harvest Lunch donations** would be sent to the Pakistan Flood Fund. From your kind generosity we will be sending £185.

**Illuminated Sheep Trail** – we collected our sheep from the Hexham Mart, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, at a launch event in the afternoon. Bringing the sheep back to school we now have just under a week to get it ready for the start of the public Art trail, from 24<sup>th</sup> October. The children have had so many fantastic ideas and we want to explore the Illuminated part in particular.

Our plans are:

Week 1 (w/b 17<sup>th</sup>) – Collection of sheep; Naming the sheep Competition launched\* See flyer on website

Week 2 (w/b 24<sup>th</sup>) – Creation of the pen/shelter (over half term) with lights.

Week 3 (w/b 31<sup>st</sup>) - Official naming of our sheep; (the trip to see the Lindisfarne Gospels happens in this week) Illuminated rock painting; Illuminated sheep mufti day; creation of a 'school uniform' for the sheep to wear

Week 4 (w/b 7<sup>th</sup> Nov) - Mini illuminated sheep trail around school launched; Illuminated sheep cake/biscuit sale; Illuminated lettering/sheep Art project 1 for hall display panels

Week 5 (w/b 14<sup>th</sup> Nov) - Illuminated lettering/sheep Art project 2 on the three panels outside

Week 6 (w/b 21<sup>th</sup> Nov) - Aerial photo of children (dressed in yellow t-shirts) making a sheep shape on the playground.

Week 7 (w/b 28<sup>th</sup> Nov) – Workshops from Laing Art Gallery about Illuminated Lettering, and then the end event at Hexham Abbey's Festival of flames.

If anyone has any solar powered lights that can be staked into the ground, that we can borrow for 6 weeks please let us know.



**Playground climbing wall removal** – you will have noticed that the climbing wall was taken down at the end of last week. This is due to rotting panels so for safety reasons these have been removed. However, this has opened up the playground, creating better visibility between play areas and given some more space. The School Council will be meeting to discuss what other playground equipment we would like to replace as well as getting some games painted on the playground.

## Notices/Requests

**Milk.** Milk is available for children at morning break at a cost of £5.50 for the full term (and free to children under 5). A letter will be sent out asking you to confirm if you would like your child to have milk.

**Data Collection Sheets, including a photo permission update.** We will be sending out these sheets detailing the information we hold on your child. Please can you check it, amend or add details and return to the school office. Please can you also ensure that we have details for at least 2 emergency contacts (in addition to parents) as required under government safeguarding guidelines.

### **Electronic communication**

We are exploring different options for electronic systems to be able to send out emails and texts, so that we can communicate as things arise during a term. Please bear with us as we get this set up.

### **Holiday requests**

If you are needing to take your child out of school during term time for a holiday then you must ask for a holiday request form in advance of travelling. Please see Mrs North in the first instance about this.

### **Chat and Relax – after half term**

Mrs Suzi Dent will take over this provision after half term, you may already have seen Mrs Dent around school over the last year as she is already on staff team. Chat and Relax, however can only be offered till 4:30pm this coming half term. In light of the short notice, Mrs North will take over the Chat and Relax session at 4:30pm for the first couple of weeks of term to enable a smooth transition to the new 4:30pm collection time.

**Clubs** – will resume after half term and continue in the same format. Let us know in advance if there are any changes to the days you have signed up for.

### **Regular visits to St Helen's**

We will be starting to visit St Helen's Church regularly this coming term, and will start with every other Tuesday having our assembly at the church instead of our school hall.

### **Year 4**

Please remember to submit your application for Middle School places by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

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## Community

### **BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**1:30 – 3:15PM**

**at**  
**WHITLEY CHAPEL PARISH HALL**

For further information please contact  
Jane Wrighton - janeelizw@gmail.com  
Run by St Helens Church, Whitley Chapel


A poster for Whitley Chapel YFC Bonfire Night. It features a dark background with a large, bright bonfire at the bottom and several colorful fireworks exploding in the sky. The Whitley Chapel YFC logo is at the top.

**WHITLEY  
CHAPEL YFC  
BONFIRE NIGHT**

**SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER**

**BONFIRE LIT 6PM**  
**FIREWORKS DISPLAY 6:30PM**

**WHITLEY CHAPEL SPORTS  
FIELD (NE47 0HB)**

A poster for an Archaeology Family Drop-in event. It features a map of the Northumberland Line area in the background. The text provides details about the event, including the location, date, and activities. There are several circular images showing people participating in various activities.

**NL** **Archaeology Family Drop-in**  
Monday 24th October, 1-5pm

Join Wessex Archaeology to find out about the archaeological discoveries along the Northumberland Line.

**Where:**  
Newsham Primary School,  
Warwick Street,  
Blyth,  
NE24 4NX

**Free activities!**

Drop-in event, no need to book.  
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**There will be lots of interactive activities:**

- Hold historic artefacts
- Get creative with a draw in tin
- Discover your local history
- Have a go at using Iron Age technology
- Find out what an archaeologist does

**For those who want to know more about the findings at Newsham there will be a talk at 6pm.**

The excavations took place in preparation for the route of the Northumberland Line. You can find out more about the Northumberland Line online at: [www.northumberlandline.uk](http://www.northumberlandline.uk)

**Wessex Archaeology** **Morgan Sindall** **Archaeology** **Northumberland Line** **Northumberland County Council** **Northumberland**

This event is supported by Morgan Sindall and Northumberland County Council.

## Northumberland Parent Carer Forum

The Northumberland Parent Carer Forum is working with the Northumberland Communities Together team within Northumberland County Council. We would like to feedback what barriers and concerns parents/carers are facing when trying to access short breaks and holiday activities. The aim will be for the Communities Together team to use this information and work alongside providers to improve the service across the region.

Please use the link below to give your valuable feedback <https://forms.gle/yefbRnykD16UayVJ7>

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You may or may not be aware but **your local community children's health services in Northumberland** were tuped over to the Harrogate and District Foundation Trust in October last year. Since then they have been trying to establish their social media offer in order to allow easy access to public health information to parents, carers and young people. They now offer information through an app (Children's Health Services HDFT) and their new recently launched Facebook page (Growing Healthy 0-25 Northumberland). They share a range of public health information using reputable, evidence based sites and NHS approved messages as well as signposting to free local services.

Families are also able to contact them through the portals to ask for advice. Their digital team, which consists of administrators, school nurses, health visitors, staff nurses, family health practitioners (formerly nursery nurses) and infant feeding support, are directly involved in the running of both the app and Facebook page to ensure the correct information is shared.

<https://www.facebook.com/GrowingHealthyNorthumberland>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/childrens-health-service-hdft/id1593862786>

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mobilerocket.hdftchildrensserviceapp&hl=en\\_GB&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mobilerocket.hdftchildrensserviceapp&hl=en_GB&gl=US)

### Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs and tuition: Questions to help parents and carers choose out-of-school settings

As we start a new school year, parents may well be looking for after-school clubs, theatre groups or sports clubs. The DfE has a document that helps parents identify the safeguarding issues to consider when choosing a provider. Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs, and tuition: Questions to help parents and carers choose out-of-school settings.

Parents can access the guidance here: [Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs and tuition: non-statutory guidance for providers running out-of-school settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

#### To the School Council – Harvest Lunch feedback

What went well:

Even better if:

Thank you for your feedback.