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Dear Parents

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### **Welcome back to the new term!**

I hope that you have all had a happy and restful holiday; it seems that the children have come back refreshed and ready to work, so we are looking forward to seeing what they can achieve this year. We are very glad to welcome our secretary Mrs Thompson back after her sick leave. She will be back to working in the office on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursday, so if possible can you keep all queries about uniform and payments till then. We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs Nicola Clark, who covered for Mrs Bowyer when she was ill last term; Mrs Bowyer is going to be working mornings only from now on, and Mrs Clark will be working with Early Years on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We will also have a member of the Music Service doing a singing lesson with Reception and Class 1 on a Friday afternoon while Miss Morgan does Recorder lessons with Class 2.

### **PE and other equipment**

We will be having PE lessons on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons for Classes 1 & 2, and **Wednesday** afternoon for Early Years. Please can you make sure that the children have their PE kit in school on those days. They will need trainers to wear in the playground or on the field, and if we have PE in the Hall they will need Plimsolls or they can have bare feet.

Please can you make sure that children **ALWAYS** have their Wellies in school, so that they are able to access all the playground areas at playtime. This is particularly important now that the Autumn weather is coming and the grounds will be more muddy, and also because we have more children coming in we need to use all the space available.

Please can you make children **ALWAYS** have their reading books in school. This is so that the teacher or a volunteer can hear them read whenever there is a spare moment. We have volunteers in to hear children read on **Monday** and **Wednesday** in Class 1, and **Tuesday** in Class 2; if the books are not in school, it is not always easy to find time to change them at other times.

### **After School Clubs**

After School Clubs will start for Reception to Year 4 from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, from 3.30 – 4.30. They will be as follows:

Monday – Lego and Games Club, with Linda and Anna Nichol (ex pupil)  
Tuesday – PE Club, with Mr Collins, our PE coach  
Wednesday – Film Club, with Miss Morgan  
Thursday – Gardening Club, with Mrs Hilton

Linda will do Chat and Relax from 4.30 – 6.00 pm as required, but **this must be arranged in advance**.

Please can you complete and return the forms so that we know who to expect in each club. If you need Chat and Relax, available for Reception to Year 4 only, please let the Office know, or speak directly to Linda.

Please see below for dates for the term.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jenny Morgan

| <b>Date</b>                                                          | <b>Activity</b>                                                                                                                                  |
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| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> September                                  | <b>Leek Show</b><br>Entries submitted before 10.00 am. Doors open again 4.00 pm                                                                  |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September                                    | <b>Healthy Schools Week</b> – Theme ‘Active Families’<br>Parents invited to Whole School assembly at 9.15 am.<br><b>Class 2 Forest School PM</b> |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October                                       | <b>Class 1 Forest School PM</b>                                                                                                                  |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October                                     | <b>Early Years Forest School AM</b>                                                                                                              |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October                                      | <b>Harvest Lunch</b> – all parents and friends invited. 12.00 – 1.00pm                                                                           |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October                                      | <b>Class 2 Forest School PM</b>                                                                                                                  |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                                      | <b>Class 1 Forest School PM</b>                                                                                                                  |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October                                      | <b>Teacher Training Day</b> School closed to pupils                                                                                              |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October –<br>Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November | <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>                                                                                                                         |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November                                      | <b>Class 2 Forest School PM</b>                                                                                                                  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | <b>EYFS Forest School AM</b>                                                                                                                     |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | <b>Class 1 Forest School PM</b>                                                                                                                  |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | <b>RE Week</b>                                                                                                                                   |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November                                   | <b>Flu Immunisation</b>                                                                                                                          |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | <b>Class 2 Forest School PM</b>                                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | <b>EYFS Forest School AM</b>                                                                                                                     |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                                      | <b>Class 1 Forest School PM</b>                                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                                     | <b>School Fair 3.15 PM</b>                                                                                                                       |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December                                      | <b>Wreath making Evening 7.30 – 9.00 pm</b>                                                                                                      |
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | <b>Singing at Christmas Market 10.30 – 11.00 AM</b>                                                                                              |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December                                   | <b>Visit to Northern Stage, Newcastle ALL DAY</b>                                                                                                |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | <b>Children’s Christmas Performance</b> Parish Hall 6.00 – 7.30 pm                                                                               |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December                                   | <b>Christmas Party 12.00 – 3.15 pm</b>                                                                                                           |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December                                     | <b>Carol Service</b> St Helen’s Church 1.30 pm. School closes for Christmas holidays 2.15 pm.                                                    |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January                                       | <b>Spring Term begins</b>                                                                                                                        |