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Dear Parents

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Welcome back to the new school term**

I hope you have had a good summer holiday and that the children are ready to get started in their new classes. Work has been going on in the summer holidays to finish the last stage of our window refurbishment and insulation programme; we have new windows and weatherboards in the Hall, the ceiling has been insulated and all the lights mended, and it has been painted and decorated. We have a new interactive whiteboard in Class 1 – this has been paid for by fundraising from the School Fayre and the refreshments at the Open Garden Day at Lambshields in the summer holidays. Staff, governors and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped with these activities or contributed by going to them – the new board is a great improvement on the old one and will really help with making lessons more effective and exciting. We will continue to put any future fundraising towards replacing the other whiteboards as soon as we can. I would also like to thank everyone who helped look after the garden in the summer holidays. We should have some good exhibits for the Leek Show this year thanks to your efforts!

Teachers will be sending out individual letters about routines in each class so that you can help your children have the right equipment in school each day. I am also sending out information about After School Clubs. You will see that we have two sports clubs this term – both will be run by Mr Williams, but they have a different focus so that they do not become repetitive. The Monday club is called 'Creative Playground'. The focus for this club is for children to make up their own games that can be played during playtimes; we also want to work towards a mini festival for our Healthy School week, and invite children from other schools to take part in the games we have invented. We had a lot of fun doing this in some of our PE lessons this year, so the children should enjoy it. The other sports club, which will be on Thursday, is more based on team games. The children will be welcome to come to both clubs if they wish. In addition to these, we will continue to run Lego and Games Club on a Tuesday, and Gardening Club on a Wednesday. All these will run from 3.30 – 4.30 pm. Please can you make sure you are punctual collecting your children. Linda will run Chat and Relax from 4.30 – 6.00pm as required, but this MUST be booked in advance as she will not be in school otherwise. After School Clubs will run from Monday to Thursday, but not on Friday. Breakfast Club will run as usual every morning from 8.00 – 9.00 am. If you need after school care this week, please contact the office to book Chat and Relax.

Please see overleaf a list of dates for the term. We look forward to seeing you at as many events as possible.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jenny Morgan

<b>Dates for the term</b>	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Leek Show</b> Parish Hall 4.00 pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Northumbrian Evening</b> an evening of music and song to raise money for Interactive Whiteboards in school Parish Hall 7.00 pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Harvest Lunch</b> School Hall 12.00 pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Healthy Schools Week</b> A week of activities to promote healthy lifestyles
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Break up for half term holiday</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Back to School</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Individual School Photographs</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Anti-bullying week assembly</b> School Hall 9.15 am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Community Breakfast for Children in Need</b> School Hall 8.30 – 9.30 am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Concert</b> Parish Hall 6.00 pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Whole School Visit to Northern Stage Newcastle</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Christmas party</b> Whitley Chapel School 12.00 – 3.15 pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b> St Helen's Church 1.30 pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Break up for Christmas holiday</b> 2.15 pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Children start back for Spring term</b>