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Dear Parents

Wednesday 8th September 2020

Welcome back to the new term. I hope that you have all had a lovely summer and that this term we will be able to return to more of our normal cycle of events.

Covid 19

Please be aware, Covid 19 figures are still high, and incidence is becoming higher in younger children. If your children show symptoms that cause you concern, please keep them at home until they can have a negative PCR test. Please make sure you email or phone me or the office to let me know if you are taking pupils for a test and let me know the outcome as soon as possible, as I need to inform the Local Authority if any pupils test positive. There will be no necessity for the whole school to self-isolate if one pupil tests positive, but we still need to keep vigilant, and it may be necessary to return to Home Learning if there is a cluster of cases.

Flu Vaccinations

The School Nurses will be coming to administer the Flu Vaccinations later on this term. If you have not returned your form but would like to your child to have the vaccination, please return it this week, or ring the office tomorrow to speak to Mrs Thompson.

PE

PE will be taking place for Class 1 & 2 on Monday afternoon with Mr Hill, and on Thursday afternoon – Dance with Pippa for the first half term, and Gymnastics with Gayle for the second half term. Mr Hill will be outside as often as possible – please make sure children have long jogging pants, a warm jumper or sweatshirt to wear over their T-shirt, and trainers that you don't mind getting muddy if they go on the field. Mr Hill will also be working with the Year 4 pupils on a Monday lunchtime teaching them some games that they can lead with the younger pupils, so that they can help make playtimes more fun.

Leek Show

The Leek Show is taking place on Saturday 18th September, and the children will be exhibiting work from school again. I am sending home the Leek Show Schedule with this letter in case any of you would like to enter. It will be great to see you at 4.00 pm onwards in the Parish Hall once the judging has taken place.

After School Clubs

Mr Hill will be running an After School PE club on a Monday evening from 3.30 – 4.30 for Reception – Year 4, starting on Monday 13th September. In the past this has been very popular and nearly all the pupils have wanted to attend. Can you please make sure you complete the reply slip and send it in by

Monday, as we may decide to split the group into two age groups to make it work better if there is a very high response. It would be very helpful if the pupils could commit to a 6 week block to help with planning. We will be charging £6.00 for the half term, payable in advance. Chat and Relax will run alongside this club for Nursery pupils only – older pupils will be expected to go to the PE club until 4.30, then they can join Chat and Relax afterwards if they need to.

Miss Tweddell is proposing to start an additional After School club on a Tuesday evening after half term. The focus of this will vary over the year, from Crafts to Cookery to Gardening. Information to follow.

Chat and Relax will run Monday to Thursday from 3.30 – 5.00pm on a needs only basis. If you need later than 5.00 pm this can be arranged, but we would prefer children to go home sooner if at all possible as it is a very long day for them otherwise. Please make sure this is booked in advance.

Breakfast Club runs daily 8.00 – 8.50 am, again, booked in advance.

Home School Agreement

In the next few days we will be sending home copies of the Home School agreement for you to sign, as well as a Contacts form and a Photograph permission form to complete. Please make sure these are sent back as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Jenny Morgan

Dates for the term	
Date	Event
Saturday 18 th September	Leek Show
Tuesday 21 st September	Class 2 Forest School
Wednesday 29 th September	Class 1 Forest School
Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th October	Healthy School Week
Tuesday 5 th October	Class 1 Forest School PM
Wednesday 6 th October	Early Years Forest School AM Class 2 Forest School PM
Saturday 9 th October	Hexham Park Run 9.00 – 10.30 am
Thursday 21 st October	Harvest Lunch outdoors (we will see if we can arrange takeaways if the weather is bad!)
Thursday 21 st October	Pupils break up for Half term holiday
Friday 22 nd October	Teacher Training day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Weeks beginning 1 st and 8 th November	Parent consultations with teachers – individual dates will be arranged
Wednesday 3 rd November	Early Years Forest School
Friday 5 th November	Class 2 Forest School
Tuesday 9 th November	Class 1 Forest School
Thursday 11 th November	Remembrance Day service St Helen's Church. Parents and friends invited
Friday 12 th November	Children in Need Community Breakfast – to be confirmed
Wednesday 17 th November	Class 2 Forest School
Wednesday 24 th November	Class 1 Forest School
Wednesday 8 th December	Early Years Forest School
Tuesday 14 th December	Performance of Nativity play
Wednesday 15 th December	Class 1 & 2 Theatre visit Northern Stage, Newcastle (EYFS trip to be confirmed)
Thursday 16 th December	Whole School Christmas party
Friday 17 th December	Christmas Service St Helen's Church 1.30 pm Parents and friends invited School closes for Christmas holiday 2.15 pm
Monday 20 th December – Tuesday 4 th January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 4 th January 2021	First day of Spring term

AFTER SCHOOL PE CLUB MONDAY 3.30 – 4.30

I give permission for my child to attend the Monday PE club.

I enclose £6.00 payment for the half term ☐ Please tick

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)