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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter. Now that we are into May, and hopefully will be seeing some warmer weather and possibly even sunshine in the weeks ahead (!), a reminder that children should have a sun hat in school. If possible, please apply all day 8-hour sun cream to the children in the morning. If the children need to re-apply their own suncream at lunchtime, please send this to school in a named bottle. Our policy is that school staff do not apply sun cream to your children. | | |
| **Staffing updates**  I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Graham will be teaching Class 2 full-time in September, taking over the teaching commitment which I currently have.  The role of Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENDco) in September will be taken on by Miss Harris, who is currently studying for her SENDco qualification, and she will be the first point of contact here at Newbrough. As she will be new to this role, Miss Harris will be supported by Mrs McKay, who is based at Wark CE Primary School and is a very experienced SENDco.  Mrs Stevens is currently absent from school as she is undergoing urgent medical treatment. We wish her all the very, very best for her recovery. Mrs Stevens won’t be back in school before half term. During her absence, Class 1 will be taught by Mrs Mahoney on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Mahoney knows Class 1 very well. I will be teaching Class 1 on Wednesdays when Mrs Mahoney teaches Class 3. As always, we will try our very best to keep staffing as consistent as possible while Mrs Stevens is not in school. | | |
| **Early Bird PE**  Don’t forget our Early Bird PE sessions which are being organised and run by our school Sports champions. The children are all encouraged to arrive at school at 8.25 am to take part in a 15 minute session consisting of various different fitness activities to music. This will take place on the field (if the weather is good enough) or inside if it is too wet. **The date for the next session is May 15th.** | **Haydon Bridge High School Information**  Mr Nisbet, the headteacher of HBHS, will be in school next Monday at 5.30 pm to talk about the new arrangements for Year 7 this year. All parents are very welcome to attend. | |
| **Art Exhibition**  We are excited to announce our first ever public art exhibition!  We are really proud of the children's artwork here at Newbrough and wanted to have the opportunity to share their superb pieces with the local community.  All of the children from school are going to be exhibiting their artwork alongside Hexham Art Club at **Newbrough Town Hall**.  The exhibition will run from **Saturday 25th May until Saturday 1st June** (Half Term week) and will be open to the public from **10am - 4pm every day**.  You are all very welcome and we would LOVE you all to see our work there.  Hexham Art Club have also extended the invite to the special opening evening event to everyone involved. Children and their families are encouraged to go along to see the exhibition on the **opening night- Friday 24th May from 7-9pm**.  Please come and see what we have been busy with this academic year! | | |
| **May Colour Dash Sunday 12th May**  We’re all looking forward to the colour dash which takes place this Sunday, 12th May at 10am on the school field. Children will need to wear a white T-shirt and bring swimming goggles. There is a suggested donation of £5 to take part. The forecast is looking good so we’ll hope to see you there! | **New ipads and VR headsets**  Our multi-academy trust, DNDLT, have purchased 12 new iPads for us to use here at Newbrough . They have also bought a set of 8 VR headsets which we will be sharing with Wark CE Primary School. Both of these are fantastic additions to our IT resources and we are especially excited about the possibilities that the headsets will provide. | |
| **Smartphone safety**  Does your child have access to a smartphone? Do you really know what they are using it for?  The Internet Matters website has a really useful guide for parents on setting up smartphones for children. You can find it here:  [Get smart about smartphone safety | Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/setupsafe/) | **Attendance matters!**  Being in school is important to your child’s achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A-Level results.  Government research has found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn’t perform as well. | |
| Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do get in touch or catch me before school. If I don’t know there’s a problem, I can’t sort it out!  Kind regards,  Mrs Trotter (Headteacher) | | |
| **Dates for your diary** | |  |
| **MAY** | |  |
| Sunday 12th May | | 10am Colour run |
| Monday 13th May | | KS2 SATS begin |
| Wednesday 22nd May | | National numeracy day |
| Friday 24th May | | Finish for half term |
| Monday 27th May- Friday 1st June | | Art exhibition in the Town Hall |
| **JUNE** | |  |
| Monday 3rd June | | School re-opens |
| Wednesday 5th June | | 8.25am Early Bird PE |
| Wednesday 19th June | | 8.25am Early Bird PE |
| *Friday 28th June* | | *9am Summer concert- provisional date* |
| **JULY** | |  |
| Wednesday 3rd July | | 8.25am Early Bird PE |
| **Saturday 6th July** | | **Summer Fair** |
| *Thursday 11th July* | | *Sports Day - provisional date* |
| Friday 12th July | | Annual reports sent home |
| *Monday 15th July* | | *End of Year celebration - provisional date* |
| Wednesday 17th July | | 8.25am Early Bird PE |
| Friday 19th July | | School closes for the summer |
| **SEPTEMBER** | |  |
| **MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER and**  **TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER** | | **TEACHER TRAINING DAYS** |
| **Wednesday 4th September** | | **School opens for pupils** |