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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter. The half term seems to be flying by and it seems incredible that we are already in week 4!  As always, if you are unsure of anything or you have any concerns, please, please do get in touch or speak to one of us at the start or end of the day. | |
| **North of Tyne ‘Inspire’ Programme**  I am very excited to be able to share with you that we have been awarded **£10,000** of project funding from the North of Tyne Inspire programme. This is a fund that has been set up to help schools deliver Covid recovery projects which go beyond the academic ‘catch up’ funding. We will be using it to deliver outdoor education projects this academic year. There will be many more details over the next few months as plans are refined. | |
| **EcoSchools Green Flag award**  Thanks to the hard work all of the children who were on our Eco Council last year, and to Mrs Stevens who supported them, we are delighted to have been awarded the prestigious ‘Green Flag’ award.  Of course, the work doesn’t stop there and we will shortly be announcing our new School Council who will be carrying on the good work.  In the meantime, a huge thank you to everyone who is continuing to support the clothes bank on site. All of the donations are re-used, re-sold or recycled AND it raises funds for school as well!  DON’T FORGET: our pre-loved uniform is available after school on Wednesdays (if the weather is fine) and we welcome donations of any uniform which is in good condition. | |
| **Stars of the Week**  Each week, class teachers choose children, who have particularly impressed them with their attitude or contributions in class, to be their stars of the week.  Here are the stars for the last 3 weeks:  Class 1: Frankie; James and Kobi; Cora  Class 2: Fern and Levi; Lola and Anthony; Tom and Hamish  Class 3:Luke, Callum and Ronnie; Amy and Jax; Doug and Libby  Class 4: Noah and Addison; Holly; Vinny  Headteacher’s Awards went to Aubrey, Leon and Livvy.  Really well done to you all! | |
| **Early Reading Meeting**  Many thanks to all of you who came along to the Early Reading meeting. I hope you found it useful.  Here are the links to the Little Wandle phonics resources that Mrs Stevens talked about:  Videos of how to pronounce sounds can be found at:  <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>  Please ensure you check your child's reading record for messages and for the new sound cards each week if they are in Reception. | **Parent Consultation Evening this term**  We will be holding parent consultation evenings on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th November.  These will be **FACE TO FACE** meetings.  If you would find a virtual meeting easier, then we can, of course, arrange this for you. |
| **Attendance:**  Good attendance at school is linked to achievement, progress and attainment academically.  **Did you know that a two-week period (or 10 days) of absence is over 5% of a child’s school year?**  We know that Covid cases are rising both nationally and locally and flu season is on the horizon, not to mention all of the other infections which are more prevalent during the winter, and if your children are genuinely ill then of course they shouldn’t be in school.  However, we would ask that you try to keep other absences to a minimum.  Thank you. | **Water Bottles**  Please could I remind everyone that water bottles should only contain water.  Thank you.  Here’s why the rule is in place:  (taken from the NHS/ healthier families website)  **Sugar**  Kids are having over 2 times more sugar than is recommended, with half of it coming from snacks and sugary drinks.  **The effects of too much sugar**  Too much sugar is bad for children's health as it can lead to the build-up of harmful fat on the inside that we cannot see.  This fat can cause weight gain and serious diseases like type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some cancers.  Having too much sugar can also lead to painful tooth decay – every 10 minutes, a child in England has a tooth removed in hospital. |
| **Online Safety:**  We know that online bullying is a concern for many parents. Online can often be a hidden aspect of many children's lives and children will not always talk if they are being bullied.  Internet Matters have put some expert tips together for parents which are differentiated according to the age of your child.  <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide/> |
| 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) | |

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| **Dates for your diary** |  |
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| **October** |  |
| Tuesday 18th October | Harvest- church service |
| Friday 21st | Break for half term |
| Monday 31st | Back to school |
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| **November** |  |
| **Tuesday 8th November** | Parent consultation evening |
| **Thursday 10th November** | Parent consultation evenings |
| **Tuesday 29th November** | **Advent – church service** |
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| **December** |  |
| **Provisional dates!**  Monday 19th  December  Tuesday 20th December  Wednesday 21st December | Christmas Play-afternoon  Christmas play- evening  Christmas party |
| Friday 23rd December | End of term |
| Monday 9th January | Teacher training day |
| Tuesday 10th January | Children return to school |
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