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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter and to the first of the summer term. Welcome to Albert who joins us in Year 1 and to Sam, Hazel and Harrison who are joining us in nursery this half term. We hope you will be very happy here at Newbrough!  There are lots of key dates at the end of the letter- so please make a note! We’ll try and send out reminders. | | |
| **The Smarties challenge**  Don’t forget to send your Smarties tubes, filled with change, in to school **by Friday** this week. Thank you to those people who have already returned their tubes. | | **Easter cake sale**  A huge thank you to those who baked, bought or helped. The total raised over 2 days was a magnificent £254.69! |
| **Early Bird PE**  Our school Sports champions are going to be organising and running some Early Bird PE sessions this term. The children are all encouraged to arrive at school at 8.25am 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 dates for the sessions are: 1st May,15th May, 5th June, 19th June, 3rd July and17th July. | **Kids run free**  Our school sports champions are also going to be organising a short running session once per week at lunchtimes on the school field. This will take place on a Wednesday lunchtime - weather permitting - for about 10 minutes. Please could all children bring their trainers into schools each week. This will start next week, Wednesday 24th April. | |
| **Reading photos**  Ms Blake Darcy has challenged the children (and staff) to take photos of themselves reading in an unusual place. It’s not too late to submit your photos! They could be reading on a swing, in a den, walking the dog - anywhere unexpected. Please email a photo of your child reading their book to [admin@newbroughceprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@newbroughceprimary.org.uk) by Friday 26th April. Thank you to those who have already sent in their photos. | | |
| **Mathematical Eggstravaganza**  The children had a great time solving the mathematical challenges set by Mrs Stevens and unlocking the secrets of the Easter eggs!  Congratulations to all of our worthy winners:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | Bronze certificate | Silver certificate | Gold certificate | | Reception | Charlie A | Zayd | Freddie C/ Annie | | Y1 | Greta | James | Iris | | Y2 | Stella/ Barney | Livvy | Tom | | Y3 | Evie | Jackson | Hamish | | Y4 | Dylan | Thea | Alex | | Y5/6 | Leon | William | Max | | Highest times tables score across the school: Alex | | | | | Highest addition/ subtraction score across the school: Hamish | | | |   We are going to be running a follow up event later in the summer term- so encourage your children to keep practising those key maths skills!  There are a few on-line games that can help your child:  <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>  Free app - White Rose 1 Minute Maths  Times Table Rockstars | | |
| **May Colour Dash Sunday 12th May**  Save the date for this year’s colour dash which takes place on Sunday 12th May at 10 am on the school field. Children will need to wear a white T-shirt and bring swimming goggles!  Further information will follow closer to the event but it was great fun last year. | **Friends meeting**  The next Friends meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.30pm venue in the Red Lion. Please do go along and help with the planning for all of our upcoming events.  **And SAVE THE DATE: for the school summer fair - Saturday 6th July.** Planning for this - our most important fund-raiser of the year - has already started! | |
| **Newbrough Primary School art exhibition**  We are incredibly proud and impressed by all of the amazing art work that the children produce each term and so we are excited to announce our first ever pop up art exhibition. This will be held in the Town Hall in Newbrough during the May half term holiday. The Hexham Art group are holding an exhibition in the main hall and our work will be on display in the gallery area of the building. Further details will follow about times that you will be able to see the work- but please do make a note to come along if you can. | | |
| **Wrap around care payments – URGENT.**  **Please could I ask you to settle any outstanding debts for wrap around care as a matter of urgency. We are currently owed well in excess of £2000, despite frequent reminders being sent, and cannot sustain this level of debt.**  **If anyone owes more than £50, we will be considering whether or not your child can continue to use the provision.**  **We do appreciate that some parents use childcare voucher payments but these must also be paid promptly. All other bookings/sessions should be paid for at the time of booking.**  **We no longer issue invoices so please check your ParentPay account regularly.** | | |
| **Changes to Nursery Provision**  Our consultation has now closed. All of the responses received were favourable to the idea of increasing our age range so that we can admit children who are younger than three into our nursery.  We now need to complete all of the relevant paperwork to make it official!  If your child will have their third birthday before the 31st December, and you would like a place for them in school from September, then please get your application in. Remember, our nursery hours are now Mon - Thurs all day and Friday - mornings only and children can attend for full days from when they start. However, unfortunately, children can’t attend breakfast or after school club until they are actually three years old because of the staffing ratios needed for younger children. | | **Dog fouling on the school field**  There is an increasing problem with dog fouling on the school field. At this time of year, we are hoping to increase our regular use of the field and so this becomes a problem not only of unpleasant mess but also a health risk for our children**. I know that the dogs who regularly accompany parents to school are well-behaved and kept under control**. If you notice any dogs who are not under control, or being exercised by the wider public, please let me know. |
| **Parking**  NCC traffic officers are now regularly patrolling outside our school. THIS IS TO TRY AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. Please park responsibly and use the cricket club car park where possible rather than double-parking which causes an obstruction to other road users and reduces visibility for those trying to cross the road. I have received further complaints from members of the community about the parking outside school.  Please help us to keep the children safe! | | |
| 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** | |  |
| **April** | |  |
| Tuesday 23rd April | | 7.30 pm PTA/ Friends meeting |
| Wednesday 24th April | | Lunchtime running starts (every Wednesday) |
| Friday 26th April | | Reading photos into school |
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| **May** | |  |
| Wednesday 1st May | | 8.25 am Early Bird PE  Class 4 theatre visit- Newcastle |
| Monday 6th May | | Bank Holiday |
| Wednesday 15th May | | 8.25 am Early Bird PE |
| Sunday 12th May | | 10 am Colour run |
| 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 |
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| **June** | |  |
| Monday 3rd June | | School re-opens |
| Wednesday 5th June | | 8.25 am Early Bird PE |
| Wednesday 19th June | | 8.25 am Early Bird PE |
| *Friday 28th June* | | *9 am Summer concert- provisional date* |
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| **July** | |  |
| Wednesday 3rd July | | 8.25 am 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 | | 8.25 am Early Bird PE |
| Friday 19th July | | School closes for the summer holidays |
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