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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter. The daffodils are looking lovely outside school, there are lambs in the fields and we have even had some warm spring sunshine- even if it was only a little!  There is lots going on in school this week- and some requests for activities to complete over the Easter holidays too. Let’s hope we get more of the spring-like weather during the school holidays. | | |
| **Parent Consultations**  There is still time to book a slot to see Mrs Stevens, Mrs Graham or Ms Blake Darcy either this evening or tomorrow. For children in Class 3, there will be a chance next term to meet with staff. | | **Easter cake sale**  A huge thank you for all the donations of cakes. There is an amazing variety! Cakes will be on sale after school today- in the hall if the weather isn’t great. |
| **Magnificent mathematical eggstravaganza !**  Today is our mathematical challenge day. All of the classes have a range of number-based challenges to complete, and Easter eggs to find outside, to solve their clues. A huge thank you to Mrs Stevens for all the work she has put into organising and preparing for this. | **RSHE policy**  Thank you to those of you who have already commented on the draft policy.  Don’t forget to have your say. There will be hard copies available in school during the parent consultations; you can email your comments to [admin@newbroughceprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@newbroughceprimary.org.uk) or you can make an appointment to discuss the policy with me. | |
| **An Easter challenge from Ms Blake Darcy**  Over the next two weeks whilst you are enjoying your Easter holidays, we would like to set you a challenge!  Here at Newbrough, reading is at the heart of what we do and reading for pleasure is something we want to encourage and aspire to do. We would like you to read something for pleasure this holiday and show us where and how you read for pleasure!    Please take a photo of yourself reading whatever it is you enjoy reading….  Perhaps you enjoy reading adventure stories whilst sitting in the garden, or a book all about space under the bed covers with a torch? How about a book of spooky stories round a campfire or maybe you like to sit inside a tent and read all about ancient history? If you like reading about football how about reading your copy of Match magazine whilst practising keepy-up-eeees?! (not sure of the spelling for that one!) Why not read about Australian animals whilst hanging upside down? Or a book about garden fairies whilst wearing your wings and waving your wand?  We’d love to see your photos! Please email them to the school admin address and we will print them all out for our grand display.  All entries will be put into a lucky draw and winners will receive an exciting prize.    Happy Easter and get reading! | | |
| **The Smarties challenge**  Friends are also organising a ‘Smarties challenge’ for the Easter holidays.  The children will each be given a tube of Smarties (or alternative for those that can’t have Smarties) this week. The first task is to eat the Smarties, but you must remember to save the tube! We then ask that you fill the tube with as many coins as you can (20ps fit in brilliantly), and then return the tube to your teacher by Friday 19th April. You could earn the coins to go in the tube by doing tasks and good deeds, or just speak to family and friends and ask for any spare coins they might have.  A huge thank you to Tesco for very kindly donating the Smarties. | | |
| **Online safety**  Did you know that the website Internet Matters will provide you with a personalised resource pack which will help keep your child safe on their  favourite apps?  Check it out here:  [A parent's guide to apps for kids | Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/) | **Chicken Pox**  We have quite a few cases of chicken pox in school at the moment.  The guidance is that children should be kept off school until all spots have scabbed over. | |
| **Changes to Nursery Provision**  From September, we hope to be able to offer places to children in the **term before** their third birthday ie while they are still two.  Our consultation runs for just a short time more so please do respond. | | **Wrap around care**  Just a reminder of the hours for Wrap around care.  Breakfast Club is 7.45- 8.45am each morning.  After school club is 3.15- 4.30pm on Monday and  3.15- 5.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.  A huge thank you to all of you who are now booking online via Parentpay. I know there have been some teething problems with this new system so thank you all for your patience. |
| **Here’s your free copy of the UK’s largest parenting title - Enjoy!**  [Family-First.pdf (familyfirst.co.uk)](https://familyfirst.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Family-First.pdf) | |
| **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** | |  |
| **March** | |  |
| Monday 25th March | | Easter cake sale  Parent consultations Class 1, 2 and 4  Smartie competition begins.  Mathematical eggstravanganza this week |
| Tuesday 26th March | | Parent consultations Class 1 and 2 |
| **Thursday 28th March** | | **School closes for Easter** |
| **APRIL** | |  |
| Monday 15th April | | School re-opens |
| **MAY** | |  |
| Sunday 12th May | | Colour run |
| Friday 24th May | | Finish for half term |
| **JUNE** | |  |
| Monday 3rd June | | School re-opens |
| **JULY** | |  |
| Saturday 6th July | | Summer Fair |
| Friday 19th July | | School closes for the summer |