



Northburn News

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Dear Parents

I can hardly believe it is nearly the end of another half-term and the final half-term of the year is approaching. We have been as busy as ever, with the children participating in a range of curriculum enrichment activities. We have continued to enjoy sporting success with children joining in an ever increasing range of activities. Personally, a highlight this half-term was being able to join in Welly Wednesday with classes 2&3. There has been fantastic work completed throughout school, and I am looking forward to judging the 'Headteacher Challenge'.

We have lots of things planned for the final half-term. We are particularly looking forward to our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week. A local civil engineering company, with whom we have partnered, are to work with the children to show them the job of a civil engineer. I have heard they have plans to build a suspension bridge the size of the hall, with the children!

We have plans to change Sports Day so that there are more competitive opportunities for children in Year 5&6 and for our children in the Foundation Stage (Nursery, Classes 2&3) to join in with the rest of the school.

Thank you to all those who have helped us develop our grounds. Also, thank you to all who have contributed to fund raising events, which allow us to buy those extras that enrich the curriculum.

We have worked to improve the information you receive about the progress your child has made over the year. Our reports will look different this year and you will have access to our on-line summative assessments. I hope you will be able to make one of the sessions we have planned to explain these changes to you. If you have not got access to a computer please let us know so that we can arrange for you to receive the information. Your child will still receive a written summary of their year.

We will be supporting children as they prepare for transition to new schools and also welcoming new children into our community. Please look on the reverse of this letter for a list of events which are happening in school after the half-term break. Thank you very much for your continued support and feedback.

Clare Scott

Online Payments

The new online payment system is generally working well. Some have had difficulty accessing the system but we have been able to resolve any problems. If you have experienced difficulties please call or pop into the office so that we can get you set up. We appreciate your support and plan to gradually increase the things you will be able to pay for online. From September you will be able to pay dinner money using this method. We understand that some people prefer to pay by cash or cheque and we will continue to accept these methods of payment.

School Meals

If you have any credits or debits for school meals, you will receive a letter on Friday 26th May.

Lunches are £2.20 a day and can be paid each week or each half-term.

(£66.00 for the half-term - £11.00 per week)

Please note this is not inclusive of the last week of the school year. We will inform you of any credits or debits on 14th July for payments due on Monday 17th July. If you pay by cheque, please make it payable to Northumberland County Council and write your child's name and class number on the back.

Parking

Our local residents have asked us to remind our parents to park responsibly at the beginning and end of the day. Please remember the sports centre carpark, which is only 5 minutes walk to school up the cycle path, can be used.