



21st October 2021

Dear Parents

Hasn't this half term flown by! It has certainly been packed full of lots of activities. I know the children in Year 6 had an amazing, albeit wet time, on their residential trip. I thoroughly enjoyed my day with them at the *Bird of Prey Centre*. On three occasions, members of the public commented on how fantastic our children were, polite, interested and superbly behaved. I completely agree. I was an extremely proud headteacher!

Well done to all those in Year 5 who participated in our Bikeability. Again, their behaviour was impeccable.

All the children really enjoyed the P.T.A annual *Obstacle Course Challenge*. Thank you to all those parents who helped and made it possible. So far, we have raised £1451, with money still coming into school. In addition, the Halloween dress-up day has raised £205, again, with money still coming into school. Thank you very much.

It was lovely to be able to open the doors and welcome you to face to face parent consultations.

Positive cases of Covid still remain low in school. Thank you all for your support in helping us to respond effectively by informing us when your child tests positive and for taking them for a PCR test, if they display symptoms.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to two members of staff. Mrs Aitman and Mrs Graydon, who have collectively been at Northburn for over 47 years, are retiring. I'd like to thank them for their years of commitment and dedication to the children of Northburn and wish them all the best in any future ventures. I know they both like to keep busy but hope that they find time to enjoy a slower pace and relax. They will both be a huge miss to our community.

Following an interview process, Miss Dawson has been promoted to the position of assistant headteacher. The position will be for a year. This is to support the implementation of additional initiatives planned to support children in catching up on missed learning, supporting the mental health and well-being of our children, as well as those with additional learning needs.

Finally, have a lovely half term break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st November.

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