



NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th November 2020

Star of the Week

For accepting that everyone is different

Lambton		Barnard	Bethia
Lumley		Bowes	Summer
Alnwick	Imogen	Brancepeth	Ashton
Auckland	Josie	Lindisfarne	Scarlett
Aydon	Amelia	Warkworth	Shona
		Bamburgh	Max



Reader of the Week

Lambton		Barnard	Ethan
Lumley		Bowes	Freyja
Alnwick	Timmy	Brancepeth	Charlie
Auckland	Alexander	Lindisfarne	Grace
Aydon	William	Warkworth	Sam
		Bamburgh	Fatima



Tidiest Classrooms!

KS1—Alnwick

KS2—Bowes



Thank You



We are very pleased with how the new systems for dropping and collecting your child(ren) are working. Thank you for your continued support. Please remember that parking on Relly Path is still suspended and will next be reviewed at Christmas. I understand that parking enforcement officers will be visiting next week due to some still parking in the bays on Relly Path.

Well Done Children



As you well know, our children are remarkable and returned to school in September so very well. We are very pleased to see this continue after the half term break. Although many children (and staff!) are still tired! Keep it up!

Another Well Done

You will be aware that we have a class isolating at home due to a positive covid case. I'd like to thank them again for their maturity in response to this—although many were very disappointed at not being able to come to school for a while! Keep working hard at home. If you have any queries about home learning please contact Mrs Burns via Seesaw or by emailing nxlindisfarne@durhamlearning.net



Non Uniform Each Month

To raise funds for school, one thing that we thought that would be simple and that the children would really enjoy is children being able to come to school in non uniform. We are proposing that children wear their own clothes on the **last Friday of each month**



and parents make a suggested donation of £1, if they can. Next Friday's non uniform, however, is for Children in Need.



Happy Birthday to...

Ben
Zhani
Rena
Olly
Ngairé

A Message from our Chair of Governors

Dear parents,

I wanted to update you on the process of appointing a permanent Headteacher for our school. Our previous Headteacher, Mrs Monaghan, resigned in July to take up a permanent position with the Local Authority following a two-year secondment with them. Before this, Mrs Ferguson was our Deputy Headteacher and during this time has been Acting Headteacher on a temporary basis. On behalf of the whole governing body, I would like to thank her and the whole staff team for their hard work in the face of many significant challenges over the last two years.

As this arrangement was temporary, the governing body has started a formal recruitment process for a permanent Headteacher. The advert for the position will be going live next week. If we are not thwarted by further restrictions, pandemics or any other unforeseen changes in circumstances (!) we shall know the outcome by the end of this term with an official start date for the permanent Headteacher in April 2021. I hope you and your families are coping ok with the ever-changing restrictions. Stay safe, be kind and I hope to see some of you on the other side.

Best wishes,

Jenny Search (Chair of Governors)

Parent Teacher Meeting Arrangements



Early next week, you will receive correspondence regarding parent teacher meeting phone calls for week beginning 23rd November.

Children in Need 2020



To support the work of the charities involved with Children in Need we are welcoming children to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 13th November. You can make donations to Children in Need via ParentPay. Please ensure that your child wear sensible shoes or trainers though!

PSHE/ Relationships Education Update

In September 2020, we began trialling some new materials in school to support our teaching of PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) from Nursery to Year 6. The programme we have implemented is 'Jigsaw' and you might have heard your child tell you about their 'Jiggie' character who supports the teaching and learning in every class. The staff and children have embraced our Jigsaw lessons as they have really supported us in returning to school after a long period away.

The Department for Education released new statutory guidance for all primary school to implement in the academic year 2020-2021. More details about what primary schools must teach for Relationships Education (primary) can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>.

Jigsaw supports us in teaching the new expectations for Relationships Education in a sensitive and age-appropriate way. The society that our young people are growing up in today has changed so much from when we were young and we believe that it is important that our children are prepared for their next stage.

Our website is undertaking a revamp and as such, in the next week or two, more information will be shared with you including our new school relationships education policy, overviews of what is taught in each class as well as a parent questionnaire for you to complete. There will also be an information leaflet detailing the content and vocabulary being taught to your child each half term as you may want to talk to your children before or after the learning has taken place. Newsletter items will appear regularly and you will be fully informed of what your children will be learning about each half term. As always, if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Oxnard, our PSHE lead.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 12th November	Flu Immunisations Reception to Y6
Monday 23rd November	Individual photographs for all children
Week Beg. 23rd November	Parent/ teacher phone calls
Thursday 17th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January	SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN— Staff training day
Tuesday 5th January	Children in Reception to Y6 return
Wednesday 6th January	Nursery children return