

NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2020

Star of the Week

For being an excellent role model

Lambton		Barnard	Sandy
Lumley		Bowes	Niamh
Alnwick	Sophie	Brancepeth	Lily
Auckland	Jessica	Lindisfarne	Joey
Aydon	Betty	Warkworth	Lewis
		Bamburgh	Jasmine



Reader of the Week

Lambton		Barnard	Matthew
Lumley		Bowes	Lydia
Alnwick	Kristina	Brancepeth	Alice
Auckland	Kirk	Lindisfarne	Alex
Aydon	George	Warkworth	Lewis
		Bamburgh	Harlan

Our tidiest classrooms!



KS1 - Auckland

KS2 - Barnard





Happy Birthday to...

Oliver
Henry
Theo
Shona

James
Emma
Holly
Imogen
Patrick

Freddie
Zachary
Ruby
Ben

Thank you



It has been eight weeks since our school community was reunited. What a busy half term it has been! I would like to thank our whole staff team for their tremendous work, dedication and commitment. Thank you also to you, parents and carers, for your support and understanding. New routines have been tweaked and your kind words and thoughts are appreciated. Despite the worldwide pandemic that we are facing, our school community has come together and still has that special NX warmth and love. Thank you.

Earrings

A number of children have recently had their ears pierced or are wearing earrings to school. Earrings should not be worn in school. This is for safety, particularly when children are engaging in physical activity or sports. If your child does wear earrings then they MUST be covered with plasters.



Outdoor PE kit

Please make sure that your child's PE kit is returned after the half term break. Please ensure that they also have outdoor kit which includes long trousers, jumper or hooded top and trainers.



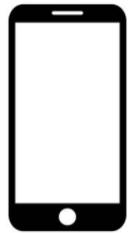
Parent Teacher Meeting Arrangements

Information about arrangements for parent teacher meetings will be sent shortly after the half term break. Due to covid restrictions these meetings cannot take place face to face so instead we will conduct phone calls. The phone calls will take place during the week beginning 23rd November.



Polite Reminder

Mobile phones should not be used on school site. This includes outdoors on the playground. This is to safeguard our children and staff. Many thanks for your continued support.



It's time to wrap up warm!

You will be aware that we have windows open throughout school to ensure ventilation throughout rooms and the school building. We do have the heating on in school but it is starting to feel a little colder. We ask that you encourage your child to wear extra layers underneath their uniform and make sure that they always have their coat with them.



Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd November	Individual photographs for all children
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

Arrangements for dropping and collecting your child(ren) after half term

Please remember that our new arrangements will begin immediately AFTER half term on Monday 2nd November.

We ask kindly that you **please** remember:

- To wear a face covering when you enter school grounds
- To keep your distance from others
- That only one parent or carer should bring or collect a child(ren)
- To keep your children with you at all times when walking around the school site



When your child(ren) arrive at their allocated time on a morning, staff will guide them straight into the classrooms where their teacher will be waiting for them.

There should be no waiting needed.

After school is a little more complicated but we ask that you bear with us as we find out feet with the new arrangements. All siblings will be dismissed at the same time. Please stand at the side of the playground where your youngest child will exit. Signage will be displayed and school staff will be there to help you. We really hope that minimal waiting time supports families as well as minimises the risk of spread of infection.

Relationships Education

As a whole school, we are using a resource called 'Jigsaw' to support our teaching of Health and Relationships Education (HRE). Some of you may be aware of the statutory guidance that was introduced by the Department for Education, to all schools, for implementation in September 2020. More information can be found here; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>.

Our next 'puzzle' is titled 'Celebrating Difference'. Below is a table outlining the concepts that your child will be being taught in our weekly Jigsaw lessons.

Classes	Concepts
Nursery, Lambton and Lumley	Identifying Talents Being Special Families (recognising that our family might 'look' different to our friends) Where we live (our house) Making friends Standing up for yourself
Aydon, Alnwick and Auckland	Similarities and differences (how are we the same/different to our friends) Understanding bullying and knowing how to deal with it Making new friends Celebrating the differences in everyone
Barnard, Bowes and Brancepeth	Families and their differences (understand that everybody's family is different and important) Family conflict and how to manage it (child-centred) (understand that differences and conflict sometimes happen between family members) Witnessing bullying and how to solve it Recognising how words can be hurtful Giving and receiving compliments
Warkworth, Lindisfarne and Bamburgh	Cultural differences and how they can cause conflict Racism Rumours and name-calling Types of bullying Material wealth and happiness Enjoying and respecting other cultures

All of the materials we use in school are age-appropriate and often, new concepts are taught through the use of a story book.

If you have any questions about anything that is being discussed please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Oxnard our PHCE lead.