

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

18th February 3pm School closes for half-term

28th February 8.55am School resumes for pupils

7th & 8th March Parent/Teacher consultation appointments

7<sup>th</sup> April 3pm School closes for 2-week Easter holiday

## Our lovely Miss Dodds......

For those of you who did not see the Facebook post, Miss Dodds (Y2 teacher) did a very special thing last weekend and had all of her lovely long locks cut off and donated them to The Little Princess Trust

Hair donated to the trust is used to make wigs for children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer and other medical issues.

Well done Miss Dodds - You really are AMAZING and the kindest of souls.



MAKING LEARNING AN ADVENTURE

## Platinum Jubilee Plans

With the year rapidly progressing (can you believe there are only 18 school weeks left of this academic year!) we have commenced our plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school.

On Friday 27th May we intend to have a morning of celebration with a special assembly, commemorative tree planting and whole school brunch on the field.

More details will follow closer to the time.





Our lovely PAF Association have very kindly contributed towards the celebrations; allowing each child to receive a commemorative gift of the special occasion. Thank you very much.

Safety reminders:
There are no scooters, bikes, wheeled toys or wheeled foot

NO BIKES
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NO SKATES permitted to be ridden or used on the yard.

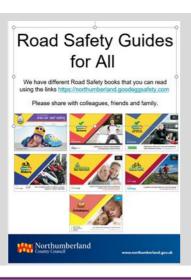


Children have been advised of the sanctions if they are observed breaking this important Health and Safety rule.

No dogs are permitted within the school grounds please.

Can we also remind all adults transporting children to and from school, to park respectfully. We have very good relationships with our residential neighbours and want these to continue. A letter received from Northumbria Police last week has also been shared with parents/carers regarding parking in and around school





## SAFETY GUIDES - FREE ACCESS

Northumberland County Council, have purchased one year subscription for 6 road safety books and 1 general child safety guide. These books are regularly updated and will be useful for staff, parents, their family and friends. The link for the books

is https://northumberland.goodeggsafety.com

The books cover the following topics:

- Child Car Seat Safety according to In car child safety - Safety Seats, Boosters, Law and advice (goodeggcarsafety.com), 9/10 car seats are fitted incorrectly
- Child Safety
- Cycling for Families
- Drivers everything you need to know to help you get your licence and keep it
- Parents of Drivers
- Riders a guide for riders of scooters, mopeds and 125cc motorbikes

#### **COVID IN-SCHOOL UPDATE:**

We appear to have come through our recent outbreak of Covid within school, with only a couple of children currently affected.

Thank you to everyone who has been vigilant and been testing children frequently, this really has helped to identify asymptomatic cases.

We have maintained a strict deep cleaning regime within school throughout the pandemic and this continues. Without these measures in place, we would definitely have seen larger positive case numbers, so a huge thank you to our diligent cleaning team and LSA's for regularly sanitising classrooms etc.

#### Wet weather request:

Please can all children come to school wearing wellingtons on wet days with spare shoes to change into in their school bags. We like to play outside at break times, but not with soggy feet! Thank you.

Thank you to everyone for their bottle donations today- these will go towards our Summer fayre fun on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June!



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## **Food and Drink reminder**

We are still having some issues with those not adhering to school policy/procedures on food and drink.

In the interests of clarity:

We permit the children to have a water bottle within their classroom with open access to these throughout the day. Only water is permitted within these bottles, **no juice, cordial or flavoured water**. We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving in school with juice in these bottes and staff have been instructed to remove any bottles filled with juice or flavoured water (returning them home at the end of the school day) and offer plain water only to the children. Governors met recently to discuss the issue of flavoured water after parental requests however agreed to maintain the current policy of plain water only being permitted within classroom bottles.

We encourage the children to have a healthy fruit snack at playtime. Free fruit is provided for children in Reception to Year 2 from the Fruit for Schools Scheme. Year 3 & 4 are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to have at playtime. We must stipulate that this is an apple, orange, banana etc **NOT sliced fruit in pots/containers – this has never been permitted**. The piece of fruit must be in their school bag and not lunch box, as access to lunch boxes from 9am to Midday is not permitted.

We are so pleased to see just how healthy our children's packed lunches are (on the whole) with children enjoying fresh fruit and vegetables with houmous, healthy sandwiches and wraps and even sushi! Please remember that packed lunches cannot contain any fizzy drinks (Please note that packed lunches need to contain a drink SEPARATE from the child's class water bottle), sweets or chocolate (ONE small chocolate treat is permitted on a Friday only).

Please remember that nuts are requested to be kept out of lunchboxes. We have a number of children in school with acute allergies and therefore we request peanut butter, loose nuts etc be kept for home only. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

