

North Park Primary School

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April/May 2021 Newsletter

You should have now all had the chance to speak to your child's class teacher about their general progress – these meetings were held last week via telephone. Children are settled well into their routines; a reminder that children should be wearing uniform. We continue to follow the guidelines as laid down by the DFE in relation to coronavirus restrictions; as yet we have had no indication of when these may alter. Your support has been amazing and we ask that you continue to remain vigilant to the symptoms of coronavirus, continue to maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting children, and where necessary book a test:

- If there is any incident of a child (or adult) displaying the following symptoms, you must not to send children in and should book a test; Mrs Harris can advise on this.
 - **a new, continuous cough**
 - **a high temperature**
 - **a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**
- **If a child develops symptoms in school we will:**
 - Contact parents immediately and ask that you take your child for a test; if the result is positive other children and adults in that class bubble will be advised to isolate for 10 days.
 - Seek advice from HPA if we have more than 2 incidences of infection in 14 days and advise parents accordingly.

Testing at home for families and pupils – for those families who would like access to lateral flow tests:

- Residents can book an rapid Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test online at www.bookwhen.com/dcc_testing or contact County Durham Together Community Hub on 03000 260 260 if you have no internet access.
- You can check the location of all County Durham LFD sites, opening times and get directions at <https://countydurham.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>
- You can also collect LFD testing kits at a community collect sites and pharmacies across County Durham. Find your nearest collection point <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>
- Lastly you can order a home LFD test kit online to be delivered to your home at [Gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

Other news

- **A huge congratulations to Mia Ward in Year 6** – we were so proud to learn she has raised an amazing £540 by having 21 inches of her lovely long hair cut for the Little Princess Trust (a children's cancer charity). What an absolute superstar, Mia, and what a fabulous thing to do for others!
- Mrs Willcock will return from her maternity leave after the May week holiday, resuming duties to teach in Reception class. We would like to thank Mrs Hemmingway for all her hard work during her time in school, and we are delighted that she will continue working with us in the future in school.
- KS2 Children enjoyed our Speed cones day – a super way to stay fit!
- Year 5 have been enjoying working with Groundworks to consider the environment and conservation – some super work being done!

Reminders:

- Could any parents of Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 children who may have not applied for **Free School Meals**, and think they are entitled please let Mrs. Harris know. This helps us access funds to support your child in school across all areas and is especially important as the children move to their new classes; from Year 3 onwards children who are not entitled to free meals must pay as universal free



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school meals are only given to KS1 and Reception pupils. If in doubt give Mrs Harris a ring – she can undertake a quick confidential check for you.

- It is vital children attend and are on time for school; Local Authority continue to monitor **attendance** and will intervene if your child accrues seven days or more of unauthorised absence in a term (this includes ALL unauthorised absence – holidays and any other unauthorised sessions, including late after registration).
- Mrs Harris has resumed collections for the **School Bank** – each Wednesday. If you wish to open an account for your child, please contact Mrs Harris. A student account is a great way of saving, even a little each week, and teaches the children the importance of managing their money.
- A reminder that the teacher professional development days have been moved to **19th and 20th July**. The decision to move these was taken to ensure the children's flow of learning was not interrupted, given that they have all just returned after lockdown.
- Please return **new school lunch menus** by half term so orders can be placed and information updated.

The Big Ask

You may be aware of The Big Ask, launched by Rachel de Souza, the new Children's Commissioner. She is keen to hear the views of children and families in the UK. *This is now live at thebigask.uk*

Message from the Local Authority - Report Abuse in Education Helpline

Commissioned by the Department of Education, the NSPCC has introduced a dedicated independent helpline for people who have experienced abuse in education. The *Report Abuse in Education* helpline comes after a high number of anonymous testimonials were submitted to the Everyone's Invited website, documenting abuse in all types of schools, colleges, and universities. The helpline went live in April 2021 and will provide both children and adults with support and advice, including onward action such as contacting the police if they wish to. The helpline will also provide support to parents and professionals. **The Report Abuse in Education helpline can be reached on 0800 136 663 or by email at help@nspcc.org.uk.**

Sincerely,

Mrs P Monk

Dairy Dates

May	
7	NSPCC Number Day – more TT Rockstar challenges!
12	KS2 – Escape Rooms
13	Year 6 – Circulatory system day
28	School closes for half term
June	
7	School re-opens – PSHCE themed week
7	Photograph day – individual photos and Year 6 group photo (no family photographs on this occasion)
10	Chef – Year 2
11	Year 6 visit from MP Dehanna Davison
25	Reception Farm Visits
July	
1	Chef – Year 6
2	Year 6 visit to Weardale House
16	School closes for pupils for the end of year
19-20	PD days

