

# North Park Primary School

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## November 2021 Newsletter

It has been great to see the children back after half term, and to watch them enjoying themselves in school. They have been so busy with lots of lovely activities and hard work, with lots more to look forward to this half term too.

### Covid 19 precautions

Last week you will have received the information about additional measures, including some adjustments to arrangements. As already mentioned we will keep all of these arrangements under regular review and where any future changes are needed, we will let you know as soon as possible. Thank you again for your continued support and understanding during these challenging times. Please remember:

- Let us know as soon as possible if your child has symptoms; organise a PCR test and keep your child at home until the result is known. If the test is negative children can return to school. If the test is positive children should isolate, in line with guidance, for 10 days. We appreciate parents sharing negative PCR results with school for our records (via the main office, email, etc.)
- If someone else in the household has a positive PCR result, please book your child a PCR test as a precautionary measure. A negative result means that your child can return to school; the LA are further suggesting (see attached letter) that if a member of the household has a positive test result then *children from KS2 (Years 3 to 6) upwards* should undertake daily Lateral Flow tests for 7 days. Children can still come to school with negative results, but should they test positive at any point, then a follow up PCR should be booked.

### What have we been up to?

- We say farewell to Mrs Priestman who leaves us after a short period of illness and welcome Mr Harris, our new caretaker, into school. We also welcome back Mrs McDonald who has joined us as a teaching assistant. It has been great to see that the local authority has appointed a new crossing patrol officer now too; even better that she has also joined the lunchtime team - Mrs Ball is one of our new supervisors, along with Mrs Parnaby and Ms McKenzie.
- Harvest collection – we hope you enjoyed the gorgeous singing on the school Facebook pages; thank you so much for the donation to the foodbank which was much appreciated.
- Year 3 loved their theatre visit earlier in the term - Dragons and Mythical Beasts (even though the bus was late!).
- Year 6 loved their visit to Hamsterley Forest – great photographs too and are looking forward to Beamish Museum this week.
- Some pupils from Year 6 are also representing the school at the Remembrance Service this coming weekend in Spennymoor.
- Year 1 enjoyed visiting St Andrew's Church and learning all about this in RE.
- Year 3 produced an amazing assembly all about their history topic, the Stone age! It was so nice to welcome families back in to see their live performance – we hope we can continue to do this in the coming months.
- Year 6 have been given a great safety talk about Bonfire and Firework safety – very important!
- And Year 5 pupils loved their Rugby Festival – well done on the enthusiasm!
- The Football Team have done Mr Logan proud coming an overall second in the league – down to the last match for first and second place! Amazing!
- Mrs Wood's group loved their visit to Bowe's Museum to find out about the history of toys.
- Reception class really loved dressing up in Halloween outfits for all things spooky!
- Well done too to Nursery class – we loved the scarecrows and it has been great to see you all learning to brush your teeth this week!

Look out for the photographs on **Facebook** of all of this, as well as the lovely activities children across school have been enjoying in classes.



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## Flu Vaccinations

Attached to this newsletter is the information you need in order to register your child for a flu vaccination. This year the flu vaccine will be administered on **8<sup>th</sup> December 2021** and details of how you register are in the letter.

## Reminders:

- **Year 2 parent evening** – this will be rearranged as soon as we are able to organise this.
- **Year 6 Family Assembly** – please note a **CHANGE OF DATE** for this event – this will now take place on 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30am; at present we plan to proceed with the assembly.
- Some children still need to return their **New Menus** for lunches.
- A reminder that **attendance** is mandatory. Local Authority regularly review attendance with us and they continue to monitor attendance; the LA 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). Holidays are not authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.
- Please remember if your child brings a bike/scooter that these should ideally be secured with your own lock, as the gate is opened and remain open for a few minutes; children should be careful exiting from the bike shed area.
- Breakfast club and after school club are operating as normal. Registration forms for After School Club are available at the main office.

Sincerely

Mrs P Monk

## Diary Dates\*

*\*some activities may be subject to change as a result of Covid restrictions*

### November

- 11 Year 6 visit to Beamish
- 15 Anti-Bullying week
- 18 Y2 Multiskills Festival
- 19 Children in Need – fundraising in school

### December

- 1 Year 6 Family Assembly – 10.30am\*
- 1 Year 4 and 5 theatre visit – The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
- 6 Year 1 Vision screening in school
- 10 Nursery to Year 4 – visit to Santa's Grotto in Town Hall
- 13 Year 3, 4 and Mrs Wood's group Christmas Disco/party
- 14 Year 1 and Y1/2 (Mrs Alderson, Mrs Hemmingway, Mrs Kalus) – Christmas musical performances (more information on times to follow) \*
- 14 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Disco/party
- 15 Year 2 (Mr Logan) – Christmas Christingle show – times to follow\*
- 15 Christmas Dinner Day
- 15 Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party Day
- 16 Reception Nativity - times to follow\*
- 16 KS2 Carol Service – St Andrew's Church\*
- 17 Reception and Nursery Christmas Party Bus
- 17 **School closes for the end of term**

### January 2022

- 5 **School re-opens for teaching purposes**

*School holidays can be found on the school website and Durham County Council Website.*

