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Friday 12th January 2018

### **SPRING TERM 1 – NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you had a great Christmas and New Year, welcome back to a new term. Although this is a very short half-term (only 5 weeks), as ever we have a very busy term. Please keep an eye out for all the activities that we have happening.

#### **School Closure in the Case of Bad Weather**

If you think that school might not be open due to bad weather you must check the Northumberland County Council website, who are the official authority on whether a school is closed or not. If there are no details on the county council website then you must assume that the school is open, and bring your child to school as normal. Whenever possible, we will also update the school website to let parents know.

If the school has to close due to worsening conditions, we will contact you by phone to come and pick up your child. Please make sure that your details are up to date! If we have notification of disruption to the taxi service for any reason we will also endeavour to let you know by phone.

#### **Cold Weather Clothing**

Please ensure that your child continues to come to school with a waterproof coat every day, so that we can go outside if we want to. Please also ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies in school and, ideally, some waterproof trousers. This will mean that we will be able to access the field whatever the weather, and ensure that we don't have wet and muddy children inside! Don't forget named hats, scarves and gloves too, on those days when they are needed.

#### **Wraparound Care and Nursery Places**

Wraparound Care is available from 7.30 am and until 5.30 pm daily. It is available for all children in the school. Please speak to the school office for further details.

If you have a pre-school child we would appreciate it if you could fill in an application form for nursery, if you have not already done so. This will allow us to do some forward planning and ensure that there are spaces for everyone! The forms are available from the Office.

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### **Parent & Friends Association (PFA)**

The PFA bingo is in the Creighton Hall tomorrow (Sat 13th Jan) starting at 7.30 pm. Thank you very much for all the donations of prizes. The recent events have been very well-supported and we are very grateful to all those who make the events such a great success.

### **Website**

Don't forget to check our school website for the Headteacher Blog, photos of school activities, diary dates, school letters, school information and diary dates. The website is updated weekly so that all new events are covered.

### **Toddler Group**

The Toddler Group run by Mrs Cotton continues each Monday 9.45-11.15am in school with a craft activity each week. All families with a child aged 0-3 are more than welcome to come along.

### **NSPCC Number Day**

The NSPCC Number Day takes place on Friday 2nd February. As part of the day we will be inviting parents to take part in a children v parents times table test, from 2.30 pm on that day. More details will follow in due course, but get practicing now!!

### **PE - Key Stage 1 and 2**

PE for Key Stages 1 and 2 this term is racquet skills and multi-sport teambuilding / trust activities on a Monday morning at Willowburn. We are also delighted to welcome Caroline Burn an instructor from Dance City on Tuesday afternoons to do dance with the children. We may do PE activities on other days too, so please make sure your children have a full PE kit in school.

### **Class 2 Fruit Money**

Just a reminder that if the children of Class 2 would like a fruit snack each day they must bring in with them 20p per day or £1 for the week.

### **Parent Lunches**

Our popular parent lunches continue this term. Due to the size of Nursery and Reception we have two separate dates for each group. You will receive an email invite for the day of your child's parent lunch.

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### **Packed Lunches**

Just another reminder about packed lunches in school. Please remember that we are a healthy school. If your child has a packed lunch, government guidelines are:

- A sandwich, wrap, savoury biscuits, roll or pasta (or equivalent)
- Some fruit
- Some yoghurt or other dairy based product (e.g. cheese triangles, Babybel etc.)
- Breadsticks/crisps (no more than one packet)
- Small sweet treat (e.g. piece of cake, muffin, biscuit) – note no chocolate bars (Twix, Fudge etc.)
- We will provide water at school, so there is no requirement to provide a drink.

If you have any queries, or would like help with some ideas, please let me know.

Kind Regards

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### Diary Dates

Please find below diary dates for the coming half term. Don't forget to check the website for updates too.

### Diary Dates – Spring Half Term 1

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens for Spring Half Term 1
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Fundraising Bingo. Eyes down - 7:30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Assembly - 8:45am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Nursery Parent Lunch 1 - Midday
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents & Friends Fundraising Meeting - 8:45am
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Nursery Parent Lunch 2 – Midday
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day – Parents v Kids Times Table Challenge. Details tbc.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Parent Assembly – 8:45am
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Parent Lunch 1 – Midday
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance City Performance – Details tbc.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term holiday
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School Reopens for Spring half term 2

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