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Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

## **AUTUMN TERM 2 - NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after half term. We hope that you all had a good break. This half-term is a very busy one, with a whole range of activities and events. Make sure that you keep an eye on the diary on the school website so that you don't miss anything!

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

In the run up to winter it is important that you are all aware of the process if weather conditions are bad. 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**

As the weather turns colder and damper, please ensure that your child comes 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 – Nursery**

From January 2018 we will be offering wraparound care for children from Nursery upwards (rather than just Reception upwards) it is available from 7.30 am and until 5.30 pm daily. Please speak to the school office for further details.



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### Parent & Friends Association (PFA)

The next meeting of the PFA is on Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Friends will be planning out the Christmas Fair and also other fundraising activities for 2018. If you are unable to make the meeting but are keen to get involved let us know by email, the Facebook page or talk to us at school.

### 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 0-3 are more than welcome to come along.

### Children in Need

For Children in Need this year we will be having a Spotty Hat Parade on Friday 17th November. Entry into the parade will cost £1, and there will be a prize for the best hat on show. We will be wearing our hats with school uniform. Please bring your hats in on the day.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, the Toddler Group will be hosting a coffee morning in school, 10-11 am. If you would like to donate any cakes for the event, that would be great. Left over cakes will be available for sale after school too.

### Author Visit

On 8th November the well-known children's author, Tracey Corderoy ([www.traceycorderoy.com](http://www.traceycorderoy.com)), will be visiting school to do a workshop with all the children. She will also be doing a book sale signing at 2.30 pm; so come armed with some pennies!

### Packed Lunches

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 or 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.

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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!

### Diary Dates – Autumn Half Term 2

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School re-opens for Autumn Half Term 2
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Reception Parent Lunch (Part 2) - Midday
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Parent Assembly – 8:45am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents & Friends Association (PFA) Meeting – 8:45am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Lunch – Year 1 & 2 - Midday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Baby & Toddler Group Coffee Morning / Cake Sale - 9:45-11:15am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 4 (letter to follow)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	School Parent Assembly – 8:45am.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need - Spotty Hat parade
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Class 2 Playhouse Trip 1-3pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Lunch – Year 4 - Midday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographs
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	School Parent Assembly – 8:45am.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Lunch – Year 5 - Midday
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	School Parent Assembly – 8:45am.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play - Holy Trinity Church - 2pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair - School Hall - 3pm-4:30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christingle Service – Holy Trinity Church – 10am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens for Spring Half Term 1

Kind Regards,

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