



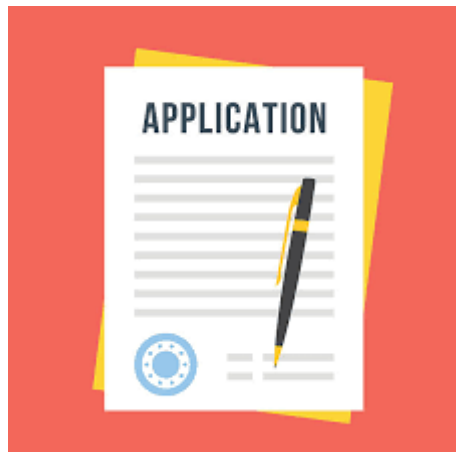
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PTFA Cake Sale

Our brilliant PTFA will be holding a cake sale on the yard after school on Friday 18th February. If you would like to make a delicious donation, we will be gratefully accepting cakes and baked goods on the afternoon of Thursday 17th and the morning of Friday 18th February at the school office. Please remember that all cakes sold must be nut free.



Nursery Applications September 2022

If your child turns three before September you can apply for them to join our Nursery. We offer 15 hour or 30 hour places. Application forms and further information can be found on our website. Visits for prospective parents to Nursery will take place after half term. Please e-mail or phone the school office for details and to book your visit.

Nursery application deadline is Friday 18th March.



We are very excited that Nursery children can invite their Mums in this year for our Mother's Day assemblies, after two missed years due to Covid! We will be learning some wonderful songs, and I know we were all so impressed with their singing in the Christmas shows! The first half of the week children will perform on Tuesday 22nd March. Parents can enter the hall at 9.00 am, for a 9.15 start (the show will last approximately half an hour). The second half of the week children will perform on Thursday 24th March, again doors opening at 9.00 am for a 9.15 start.

As with Christmas, please can parents of full time children let us know which assembly they would like to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Miss Gasper

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Half Term Holiday

We break up next Friday 18th February for half term, returning on Monday 28th February.



We will be holding a meeting in the school hall on Monday 14th February at 6:15 to answer any questions about our upcoming visit to Robinwood.

Because of COVID rules we are asking that only one member per family attends this meeting so we can limit numbers, therefore no children will be able to attend. This would mean we would have 45 adults in the hall with sufficient space.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Mrs Wilson



Please see attached February's edition of the DOSE Mental Health and Happiness Newsletter. Kalmer Counselling and DOSE Magazine have worked together to create a Free Newsletter with insights and tools for parents to help their children manage their happy hormones, mental health and wellness. For further information and more free resources check out www.dosemagazine.co.uk

Covid Vaccination Timetable

Newcastle City Council are continuing to offer opportunities for residents to receive their Covid vaccinations and boosters. The website below includes details of the fixed vaccination sites, vaccine bus and the Covid pop up sites. The website includes additional information as to which vaccine is available and the age range for each site:

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/public-health-wellbeing-and-leisure/public-health-services/coronavirus-covid-19/how-get>

Due to Pfizer supply issues, all bus and pop-up Covid-19 vaccination sessions are moving to the Moderna vaccine, which means they will be open only to those aged 18+ from 8 February 22 and until further notice. Fixed site community vaccination sites are still offering Pfizer to 12+. These are: Newcastle Racecourse; Molineux Street Health Centre; Benwell Healthworks; Lemington Centre. The Grainger Market will continue to offer both Pfizer and Moderna and will continue to be 12+ on Saturdays from 10am-5pm.

There is a special event on Sunday 13 Feb at St James and St Basil's Church, Wingrove Road North, off Fenham Hall Drive, NE4 9XP where the vaccine bus will be offering the Pfizer vaccine to those aged 12+ from 2.30-5pm. All sessions are updated regularly on www.newcastle.gov.uk/covidvaccine so please check for any updates.

The national booking service is unaffected by this and appointments can still be booked at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> or by calling 119.



Dear Parents/carers

Bookings for March Rainbow Wraparound are now open.

Please book the sessions you require for March before the booking window closes on Wednesday 16th February at 12pm. We will be unable to take any block bookings after this date due to staffing levels and Covid related absences.

Any ad-hoc bookings throughout the month will still be considered if possible.

Thank you for your understanding

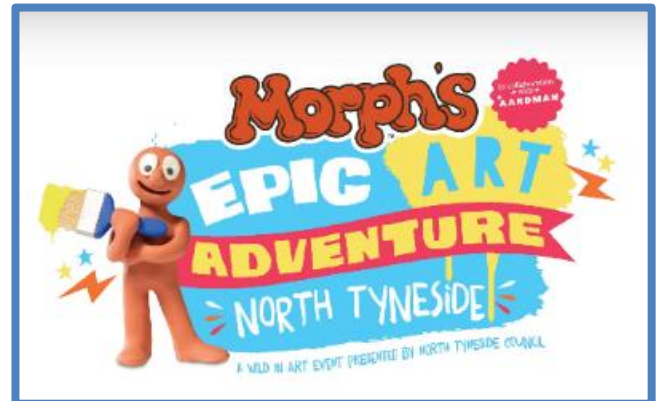
Kind regards

Mrs S Carrick
School Business Manager



Handball clubs will be restarting after half term. Please look out for more information coming via ParentPay.

Thanks
Mrs Lamb



Did you know that North Tyneside have been getting creative again by producing a new art trail for us to follow? Remember Raymond Briggs' snowmen? Well this time it's sculptures of the iconic clay character Morph that can be found gracing the streets.

Twenty sculptures have been placed around the area with an app created to help find them and tick them off, or you can download and print your own map. Most are in areas close to metro stations and what better way to get a walk or cycle ride in with such fun and child friendly art to find. Find a link to the map and more information at <https://www.visitnorthtyneside.com/events/event/62/> or just search for Morph's Epic Art Adventure in your phone's app store. Have fun!

Mrs Wells

Attendance

It's hard to believe we're almost half way through the academic year!

After half term, we will be sharing your child's individual attendance data with you.

We know that attendance has been hugely impacted by both COVID absences and other genuine illnesses resulting from increased mixing. However, it is important for us to share this information with you as we are required by the LA to monitor attendance below 90%.

In a 'normal' year, attendance should be 97% or above.

Before the pandemic we introduced a traffic light system for attendance

- Attendance **above 97%** was coded '**Green**' (Safety Zone)
- Attendance **between 91% and 96%** was coded '**Amber**' (At Risk Zone)
- Attendance **below 90%** was coded '**Red**' (Danger Zone)

If we can support with attendance in any way, please get in touch. Our attendance officer, Clare Gardner, will be happy to help.

Please remember, I cannot authorise any absence due to family holidays - not even if you take me with you! I can only authorise leave in exceptional circumstances.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb



Wonderful work Orange class, you are our Mathletes of the Week again!

Amazing work Sahib D, Ava U and Hania P, you've all worked so hard on Mathletics this week.



Our current top Lifetime Earners are Hania P, Leo T and Oliver F – fantastic work from all of you!



The class with the highest engagement this week is Reception Miss Coughlan. Our Oxford Reading buddies this week are both in this class - Brooke Higgins and Jack Battensby, well done, super effort!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is 94.8%. Our class of the week with 98.9% attendance is **Orange Class**. Well done!

Covid-19 Update

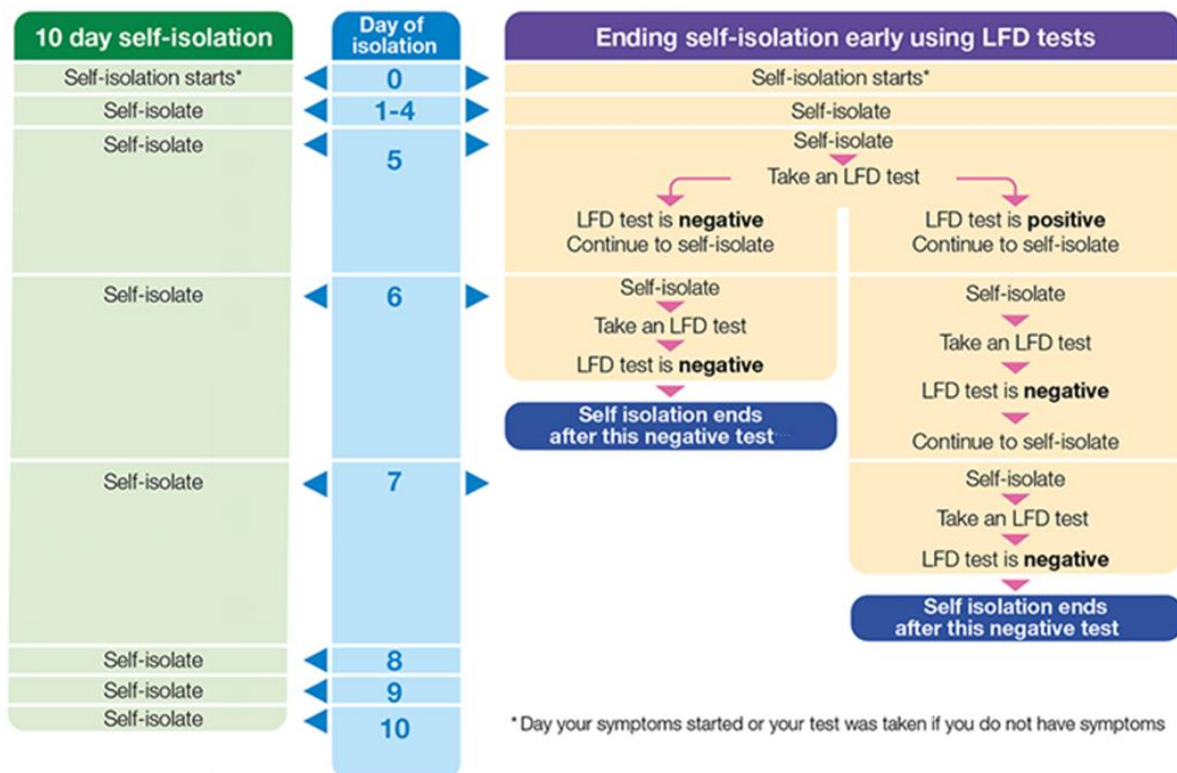
If your child is absent from school for COVID-19 related reasons, and they are well enough to work, we are setting work via Tapestry (EYFS) and Seesaw.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and **they do not have a temperature**. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.



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25TH (5 DAYS)**

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Special
discounts
available**

**Contact
Graeme Doyle
for details:
07887766460**

Advanced Notice of Dates

Updates will be added in red

Tuesday 15 th February	Violet Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting
Wednesday 16 th February	Indigo Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting
Thursday 17 th February	Blue Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting
Friday 18 th February	School Closes for Half Term Holiday
Monday 28 th February	School re-opens
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – Best Bedtime Books – wear your PJs and bring a book!
Thursday 3 rd March	Simon Bartram author visit all year groups
Tuesday 8 th March	KS2 trip to Vindolanda
Tuesday 8 th March	International Womens’ Day
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th March	STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day/Sports Relief – come in sports kit e.g. football, rugby, judo or your PE kits for sports activities.
Week beginning 21 st March	The Big Pedal – cycle or scoot to school as much as you can this week!
Monday 21 st March	World Poetry Day
Monday 21 st March	KS2 Vivian French author visit “Talking Poetry”
Tuesday 22 nd March	KS2 trip to Washington Wetlands
Wednesday 23 rd – Friday 25 th March	Year 4 to Robinwood Residential
Friday 8 th April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 10 th May	KS1 trip to Washington Wetlands
Monday 23 rd May – Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Swimming – every afternoon