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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 30 April 2021

Another week has passed full of learning, enjoyment and fun! The children impressed us this week with their calm and sensible management of the fire drill and we know our systems and procedures continue to work well.

This week in school we have held our Pupil Progress Meetings, and the staff have shared progress for all the children in their classes with myself and Mrs Gray, along with sharing any areas of focus for Summer term. Staff liaise with myself, Mrs Gray and Miss Storey (our SENDCo) continually through the term to ensure we have the best provision in place where any additional advice or services are required. I am so proud of the children and staff for all that they have achieved this year to date with all the challenges and interruptions that have been faced. The staff have all once again demonstrated the fantastic knowledge they have of each and every individual child in their care. The commitment we have as a school is to nurture all to reach their academic potential while ensuring they are supported emotionally, socially and physically to enable them to thrive in every way, and in our meetings this week the fulfilment of this commitment was fully evident.

My final news this week brings mixed emotions for us all. Mrs Gray, our fantastic Deputy Head, is moving to Dubai in the summer as her husband secured a job there earlier this year. Now Mrs Gray has found a fantastic management role in Dubai and the school where she is going will be so lucky to have her! Mrs Gray and her children will be making the move at the end of this academic year to reunite her family and begin a new chapter in their lives. We are so excited for Mrs Gray and her family, and the new adventure they are going to begin. I hope you will join me in sending congratulations.

Mrs Gray has made a huge impact in our schools over the past two years and we will miss her terribly. She shares the mixed emotions as she took the step of giving us her notice this week. She has loved working in our schools and we still have the Summer term to enjoy - benefitting from all Mrs Gray brings to us.

Both Corbridge and Broomhaugh Governing Bodies are in agreement that the post will be replaced like for like so the advert for the post of Executive Deputy Head Teacher will be released tomorrow and no changes will be made that impact on our school's consultation process on federation.

We are expecting to attract a good field of applicants, as we did when we appointed Mrs Gray, and we will be ensuring our newest leadership member will be a fantastic asset to the team. We are excited to appoint a new Deputy to join our school family and continue on our positive journey.

J Ainsley & S Gray

Executive Head Teacher Executive Deputy Head Teacher



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## **REMINDER - COVID SAFETY MEASURES:**

All of our safety measures will remain in place. Please remember to observe the one way system when dropping off and collecting your children. We appreciate the continued use of face coverings, unless you are exempt. Many thanks for your co-operation.

## Diary Dates: Dates in red are new dates which have been added

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 28 September 2020	INTRODUCTION OF ADULT FACE COVERINGS FOR COLLECTION AND DROP OFF	
	We recognise some people will have medical reasons for not using a face covering and we ask	
	that all adults play their own part without commenting on the behaviour of others.	
May 2021		
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday – school closed	
Thursday 6 May	Class Photographs	
Friday 28 May - 13 June	Great British Spring Clean	More information to follow
Friday 28 May	Last Day of School - Break up for half term	
HALF TERM		
June 2021		
Monday 7 June	School Re-assembles	
Monday 28 June	Year 4 - Activity Day Visit to Kingswood Centre	Letter and Info Issued
July 2021		
Tuesday 6 July	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Friday 16 July	Last Day of School - School Closes for Summer Break	
September 2021		
Monday 6 September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 7 September	School Re-opens following Summer Break	

