



Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 7 May 2021

It has been a short week with a mixture of all weathers to contend with from sunshine and clear skies to hail and storms but the children have continued to shine and we continue to be grateful to be learning in school. This week children have shared with us amazing writing - I have heard some fantastic readers, tricky maths challenges have been faced, and the children are really thriving in PE and enjoying the sports and outdoor provisions we have in place. During learning walks this term, we have very clearly seen children engaged in learning and enjoying lessons in class. The dedication of the staff to support any of the children facing challenges is also a huge strength of our school and I am very thankful for all the work the team do.

This week we have added some new dates into the diary as we are looking forward, and are really hopeful that we will be able to hold some events in school that families can take an active part in. Please keep an eye on next week's newsletter for even more Diary Dates. We of course will continue to follow all the COVID guidelines and make sure any planned events are safe, and following the rules and guidelines. We will share additional information about all events and how they will work as soon as we can.

As expected, we have had a great deal of interest from prospective candidates who hope to have the chance to join our team from September 2021. We will update you with staffing news and plans for next year's classes - hopefully soon after half term. In the coming week we will be contacting the families who will be joining us in the Early Years in September too.

Let's hope the sunshine and clear skies become the most regular feature of our weather in the coming weeks, and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

*J Ainsley & S Gray*

Executive Head Teacher  
Executive Deputy Head Teacher



**School Dinners:** Week beginning Monday 10 May 2021 will be Week 2 of our updated menu.

#### **FEDERATION CONSULTATION:**

The consultation period concludes on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for those of you who have already raised questions or confirmed opinions and support. We really value the feedback so if you have not had the chance to respond there are still a few days to do so. The Governors will be in touch to inform you of outcomes of feedback consideration in due course following the time line outlined in the documents.



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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
<b>Monday 28 September 2020</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION OF ADULT FACE COVERINGS FOR COLLECTION AND DROP OFF</b> 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.	
<b>May 2021</b>		
<b>Tuesday 11 May</b>	<b>Reception Class – Heights &amp; Weights</b>	Parentmail issued
<b>Friday 14 May</b>	<b>Christian Aid – Big Bubble Breakfast (at 8:30am) (voluntary donation to be made on the day)</b>	Parentmail form issued – closing date 4pm on Monday 10 May
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	
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
<b>June 2021</b>		
Monday 7 June	School Re-assembles	
<b>Tuesday 22 June</b>	<b>Year 4 – Beamish Visit</b>	<b>More information to follow</b>
Monday 28 June	Year 4 - Activity Day Visit to Kingswood Centre	Letter and Info Issued
<b>Wednesday 30 June</b>	<b>Year 1 – Visit to Matfen Woods</b>	<b>More information to follow</b>
<b>July 2021</b>		
Tuesday 6 July	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Friday 16 July	Last Day of School - School Closes for Summer Break	
<b>September 2021</b>		
Monday 6 September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 7 September	School Re-opens following Summer Break	

