



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Our Rights Respecting thought for this newsletter is Article 24 - Children have the Right to Good Quality Health Care. Something that we are all very grateful to our NHS colleagues for at this time.



MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Afternoon - Thank You!

Well, we got there! Thank you for joining us in this new virtual world. We do want to try to keep all of our regular events going even through the challenge of coronavirus. It was lovely to see so many faces and the children thoroughly enjoyed seeing you live on our screens in school. Alongside the enjoyment we made a total of £282 to go towards this very worthy cause.

We had some lovely cake creation photos submitted too and a special baking prize is on its way to those who entered....

COVID-19

Covid-19

Thank you again for your support and understanding this week when we were affected by the virus. Thankfully, the impact on our class bubbles was kept to a minimum and, by following guidance and adhering to our risk assessment in school, we were able to minimise the amount of learning time that was lost. I sincerely hope that there will be no further pupils or staff affected but of course we just don't know on who, where or when it may strike again.

Keeping our social distance at all times, following government guidance, being extra vigilant with our hygiene practices and ensuring we respond to any symptoms quickly will give us the best possible chance to keep us all safe and well.



Flu vaccinations will take place here in school on Thursday 5th November

Please see below the guidance from the
child immunisation team.

This is information for parents of children from Reception up to and including Year 6. The flu vaccine is being offered to your child, to consent to this please visit:
www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent.

School Code: 140324 last date of submission is midnight **02/11/2020**. If you do not have internet access please contact us on 0300 003 2554

The vaccination is in the form of a nasal spray which does contain some gelatin. **Please complete the consent form - saying YES or NO to the vaccination.** This will allow the team to know that you haven't just forgotten to complete the form.

A separate letter will also come out as a link on the app. Thank you.

Dogs at gates

Can I please ask that if you do bring along your dog to drop off or collect your child that you always keep them on a leash, keep them close to you and ensure that they are well-behaved? Although many of us are dog lovers, some of our younger children are a little wary of our four-legged friends and a loud bark from a large dog can really scare them.

Sports updates

Virtual Sporting Competitions

Competitive sport is important for us at school and throughout the year we usually enter lots of different competitions. Due to the current restrictions, we aren't able to attend these in the usual way. However, throughout the remainder of this term, we will be taking part in a variety of virtual competitions. Some of these will be with other schools and some will be to improve our own personal best! Look out on our school twitter and your child will also receive their own certificate if they take part.

School Games

At the end of last academic year, children were given the opportunity to take part in the Virtual School Games. A big well done to the following children who won a medal in their competitions! These arrived this week and the children were given them today. Huge congratulations to everyone! We also came 3rd overall in Sedgefield so thanks to everyone who took part.

Throw and Catch

Noah Clasper - Gold

Henry Clasper - Gold

Target Practice

Joshua Blackett - Silver

Reece Stephenson - Gold

Balancing

Albi Stephenson - Silver



Change of footwear

As the weather turns distinctly autumnal - if not wintery (!) it is so important that children have a change of footwear in school at all times. To keep our bubbles separate, we need to use the field area for some classes every day. When it is wet, if children have no change of footwear, they need to stay on the pathway which gives them little opportunity for exercise or to play with their classmates. An old pair of trainers or wellies are ideal - they can stay in school and are always to hand. (Please ensure they are named too!).



Remote learning

I know that the possible challenge of more remote learning at home due to the closure of a bubble, an individual child or even worse a whole school closure again - may fill you with dread. It does us too! However, it is right that we prepare for this so that any loss of learning is minimised. All children should have had some homework set online over the past few weeks and I hope that you have taken advantage of supporting your child to complete it. It is key that we know if there are any issues as soon as possible so that they can be addressed while school is up and running as 'normal'. A questionnaire will soon be coming out on the app to help us understand where there may be any problems.

Friday 9th October - #Hello Yellow

We want to highlight this day - especially this year - when all of us have faced challenges that we could never have expected. We would like to invite children to come to school next **Friday** wearing something yellow! Please don't go and buy something special for the day - a t-shirt, or hairband, badge or tie - anything similar will do the job. We can make things within class too if needed. The purpose is to highlight how important everyone's mental health is and to support each other to stay positive. Children will be doing some awareness activities in class and school will make a donation to the 'Youngminds' charity on everyone's behalf to support them in the work that they do around children's mental health and well-being.

