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Dear Parents/carers,

Poverty Proofing Audit

The response from parents, staff and pupils to this initiative has been really positive and I appreciate you all contributing to making it such a success. The full report will be returned to school hopefully by mid-December – I will update you when we receive it.

Potential additional financial support and help for our families

The Welfare Rights Officer for the Child Poverty Prevention Project (CPPP) is **Lyndsey Mallen**
Website: www.newcastle.gov.uk/welfare/rights She will be starting work with school as an additional avenue through which our parents can access financial support. Additional information will follow over the coming weeks, but if you would like to hear about anything which may help financially, please let me know and I am more than happy to put you in touch with her.

Parents evening

It was fantastic, this week, to see so many parents back in school talking to teachers and celebrating all of the children's work and success. Thank you for all of your positive comments and support.

Gem education (Julian Hughes) also passed on some really useful information for parents. The booklets have been uploaded onto the school website.

The new family partner, Emma Brumwell, was in school and again, we have uploaded some new materials advertising a number of courses and support groups for pupils and parents to access, in the area.

Attendance / Punctuality

Please can I remind parent's that attendance and punctuality is very important to your child's education. Where attendance and or punctuality has been identified as an issue Grant Short, our school attendance officer, will contact families and speak to them about ways to best support you to bring your child in every day and on time. If your child is collected before the end of the school day, you will be asked to provide evidence of their appointment and reason for leaving early. If they come into school late it will be recorded on the register, it also disrupts their start to the day and can distress children.

School Dinners

Please can we remind parent's that if your child wants to switch between packed lunch and school dinner, we need 2 weeks' notice of this change, either way. It is not possible to accommodate daily changes, as the kitchen is unable to access daily deliveries and need time to plan and order food for everyone.



Reminder of school day timings

All pupils should be in school by **8:45am** and then each evening they are dismissed at the following staggered times.

Year Group	Start Time	End Time
Reception	8:45am	3:15pm
Year 1	8:45am	3:15pm
Year 2	8:45am	3:20pm
Year 3	8:45am	3:20pm
Year 4	8:45am	3:25pm
Year 5	8:45am	3:25pm
Year 6	8:45am	3:30pm

Almost new uniforms

There are still a large number of spare uniforms in school, please let us know if you would like any bagged up and sent home with your child. It would be a shame for them to be sat here if they could be of any use – we would be delighted to give them all away.

All Saints Day

On Tuesday 1st November, pupils took time out of their day, in an age appropriate way, to remember those who have died. They were thoughtful and considerate of everyone around them and we were really proud of them.

Whole school Geography day

On Monday 7th November the children will be taking part a Geography Day in school. We are asking the children to come in dressed in the colours of the country's flag their class will be learning about that day. This day is linked to COP 27, which is being held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. The conference is being held between the 7th - 18th November 2022, where many countries will gather and discuss the promises from COP26 and how they can be implemented. This day is also celebrating Geography Awareness Week, which begins the week commencing Monday 14th November. Geography Awareness Week aims to raise the significance of geography in everyone's lives and encourages our students to think about their relationship with the environment.

On Monday, the children will learn about what happens at the conference of parties (COP27) and what their chosen country is currently doing to combat climate change. During the afternoon, we will gather together, and each class will present some information they have learnt about that day.

The countries which have been chosen for the classes are:

Nursery - Spain (red, yellow and white)

Reception - South Africa (red, white, green, yellow, black and blue)

Year 1 - Finland (white and blue)

Year 2 - France (blue, white and red)

Year 3 - Germany (black, red and yellow)

Year 4 - Greece (blue and white)

Year 5 - Switzerland (red and white)

Year 6 - Côte d'Ivoire (orange, white and green)

We are sure the children will enjoy exploring the different countries and how they can protect 'Our Common Home' (Laudato Si' – Pope Francis). We hope they will have a fun day and enjoy sharing

what they have learnt with each other and with their families at home. Many thanks for your support with this special day,

New Reception visits

If you would like to look around the Early Years area, with a view to applying for a Sept 2023 starting place, you are welcome to visit school on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

Protect our Planet Day 2022

Thursday 10th November, is Protect our Planet Day 2022, and on Friday 11th November Mr Peacock has arranged for a number of speakers to come into school and lead assemblies and workshops with our children. It will really be exciting and I know the children will get a great deal out of the day.

Remembrance Day

Our community will all come together on Friday 11th November as part of Remembrance Day. The children will all take part in a minute's silence together.

Anti-bullying week

Mrs Langford will be leading a great week of positive activities based on reaching out and supporting one another. This will all start off on Monday 14th November with 'odd socks day' celebrating how unique and diverse we all are.

Children in Need and Faith in Action

This year we would really like to encourage all of our pupils to come into school dressed in something spotty. It is on Friday 18th November and it is a wonderful way to finish off all the positive work children will have completed around anti-bullying week.

Laing Art Gallery

Year 6 are going to the Laing Art Gallery on Monday 14th November to have a workshop and see the Lindisfarne Gospels. Year 4 are also going for their workshop and viewing of the Lindisfarne Gospels on Monday 21st November.

Gem Education

Mr Hughes is coming into school to lead assemblies on online safety, in an age appropriate way, for each of our key stage groups on Friday 18th November 2022. He is also going to work with Year 5 and Year 6 on some additional bespoke workshops encouraging pupils on how to keep safe online.

Maths Rock Star Day

On Thursday 24th November, there will be a maths rock star day. We would encourage every child to come dressed as a maths rock star, however if dressing up is not your thing then feel free to wear jeans and a jumper, just be ready to take part in all things maths!

Vaping / Smoking

Please can I remind parents to not vape or smoke on school premises. Your support is much appreciated.

Golden Book Assembly

It is a pleasure, every Friday morning to celebrate with your children all of their wonderful success. Please don't forget to send your child in with any certificates they achieve from taking part in outside activities. It is a delight to see the wide range of activities our children take part in.

Advance notice of Advent liturgies – dates for your diary

The Advent liturgies will vary in format but will all be made up of a combination of reading, music, singing and reflective prayer. We would like to invite all of our children's parents to attend their child's class liturgy, if you are working and unable to attend then we would be happy to see grandparents in your place, all we ask is that due to space every family choose to send no more than 4 adults to see your child. If every family adheres to that rule there will be a maximum of 120 adults watching every liturgy.

Class	Date	Time
Rainbows nativity	Tuesday 6 th December 2022	10:00am
Sunshine nativity	Thursday 8 th December 2022	10:00am
Reception Mrs Duffy nativity	Monday 12 th December 2022	10:00am
Reception Miss Rice nativity	Monday 12 th December 2022	2:00pm
Year One – Mrs O'Neil	Tuesday 13 th December 2022	10:00am
Year One Miss Young	Tuesday 13 th December 2022	2:00pm
Year Two Mrs Langford	Wednesday 14 th December 2022	10:00am
Year Two Miss Dean	Wednesday 14 th December 2022	2:00pm
Year Three Mrs Meldrum/Mrs McLean	Thursday 15 th December 2022	10:00am
Year Three Miss Cherry	Thursday 15 th December 2022	2:00pm
Year Four Mr Peacock	Friday 16 th December 2022	10:00am
Year Four Mr Bonnar	Friday 16 th December 2022	2:00pm
Year Five Miss Dolphin	Monday 19 th December 2022	10:00am
Year Five Miss McMaster	Monday 19 th December 2022	2:00pm
Year Six Mr Allen	Wednesday 21 st December 2022	10:00am
Year Six Mrs Spencer / Mrs Black	Wednesday 21 st December 2022	2:00pm

Obviously, times and dates may change and vary nearer the time, but we are hopeful that barring snowstorms or other contingencies we are as yet unaware of, that these dates will be secure.

Bonfire Night

We hope you all have a safe and happy weekend. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for dry weather and wish you well if you are attending any bonfire and/or firework events this weekend.

We continue to keep all of our families in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes,

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