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Dear Parents and Carers,

With only a week until half term I am hoping that the weather starts to improve soon!

## Covid Rules

Please be aware that as a county Newcastle has seen a sharp and quick rise in COVID-19 positive cases and we have been informed that there are a number of the 'new variant' which may spread more quickly. Please continue to follow the government guidance. As a school we continue to follow are the rules around COVID and the children continue to follow the strict bubble regime.

## **Reading Buddy**

We are delighted with the very high level of pupil engagement with families using this programme at home, between 93%-100% of pupils in various classes have read a number of times this week. In addition to this Mrs Meldrum is also going to start a reading club at lunchtime to continue to boost pupils both with their reading and confidence. Please keep up all the wonderful reading online, it is great to hear children talking about books they have read at home and enjoyed.

## Parental Feedback

As always, I appreciate all of your comments and alongside the really positive ways that the Reading Buddy has been taken up we of course have listened to parental feedback. We are currently looking at a way of improving our communication between school and home via a communication book/journal/App. To make the right choice we are getting samples and attending online demonstrations, so please watch this space for the new and updated communication tool.

## School Photographs

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June the school photographer will be coming into school to take individual, sibling groups, class photos and individual staff photos. A consent Tab has now been added to the school website for you to give permission, it will close on the Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June, so please make sure you give permission before then.

As always staff, Governors and I continue to keep you and all of your families in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes,

A D Thorpe

Mrs A. D. Thorpe Head teacher