



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

It has been a very strange half term for us in school with our classrooms only partially full. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our parents for supporting the children at home with remote learning. We know it's not been an easy task with your own working commitments and technological issues (This has kept Mr Grimes very busy!) It has been lovely to see everyone at our weekly class assemblies and the children have all enjoyed seeing their friends and sharing what they have been up to.

SCHOOL OPENING: As you are already aware, the government has indicated that children may start to return to school no earlier than the 8th March. They have stated that schools will be given at least two weeks notice of re-opening and we expect a further announcement in relation to this on the 22nd February.

REMOTE LEARNING: Remote learning will continue until school is fully reopened. Class assemblies will remain a weekly feature until we can all be together again in the classroom. We try to keep the timings the same, however sometimes it is necessary to change this if a member of staff has another commitment.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK: We celebrated Mental Health week with a range of fun activities to get the children talking about how they are feeling, what makes them feel happy and what they can do to help themselves when they feel sad or worried. Our assemblies during Mental Health week focussed on what makes us happy. It was lovely to listen to everyone's ideas.

WELLIES: We have a welly shortage! If you have any wellies sitting in a cupboard at home that your child no longer needs, please can you send them into school. We have lots in Early years but need to stock up for the older children. Any donations would be gratefully received.

WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURES: If the weather is particularly bad and we need to close the school, we will inform you via parentmail at the earliest possible opportunity. School closures will also be updated daily on the Northumberland County Council website.

Please could you ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school at all times. We will still have outdoor play times whatever the weather.

SCHOOL LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION: We feel it is time to have a new logo for our school. Once we have all the children back again we will start the competition properly. In the meantime children might like to practise some designs. More details will follow after the half-term break.

WORLD BOOK DAY: We will be celebrating World book day on Thursday 4th March. More information will follow after half-term.

POSITIVE CASES DURING THE HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS: If your child tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **less** than 48 hours since being in school, the school should be contacted immediately by emailing:

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Hope you all enjoy the half term break

Mrs Auld and Mrs Duffield