



“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

The weeks seem to be flying past and it's difficult to believe we've now completed two weeks of this new half term! Catch-up sessions are well underway and staff have reported how much they are enjoying working with pupils in small groups. It has been lovely to welcome a new Y7 class member, Erin, who joined us on Tuesday. She has settled in very quickly and our Y7 pupils have been extremely welcoming.

For some, it's a difficult point in the Autumn term because school really isn't what it normally is, is it? We've had no lovely visits out, very limited visitors, no whole school assemblies in our hall, no discos, no lunchtime clubs and no opportunities to just mix together as a school! This may be taking its toll on some of our pupils but we hope that anyone who is struggling does speak to us because this always helps. We're great listeners! We're all keeping our fingers crossed for the late Spring and Summer terms which could hopefully see some easing of restrictions and some great enrichment planned. Who wouldn't love to do a summer production?! The entire staff are doing their absolute best to create some Christmas spirit over the next few weeks by adding some festive fun (safe) events in our calendar towards the end of term. We've already got plans to host 'bubble' parties, Christmas lunch, Christmas Craft afternoon as well as one or two exciting ideas involving music!

Thanks, once again, to our amazing BMSPTCA who organised the 'Bags To School' opportunity for us. The total weight collected was 670kg which means that school will receive a cheque of £180.00. This is fantastic and we're lucky to have a committee which is so supportive of our school. We must also say a huge, 'THANK YOU' to Phil Dent at P D Fabrications who has kindly fitted bicycle racks in our shed, meaning our pupils can cycle to school and know that their bike is safe throughout the day. Thank you, Phil.

Have a lovely, safe weekend!



It's great to welcome NUFC Foundation onto school premises to work with our pupils between now and Christmas. Their programme aims to develop resilience and cooperation skills as well as promoting the importance of teamwork. This week, Y7 had to work together to overcome a problem crossing an imaginary river, following strict rules. But of course, our Y7 being who they are, they smashed it!





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Masterchefs!

Y5 impressed Miss Read this week with their chopping and cutting skills as they prepared and made their very own fruit salad! The results looked delicious and we're sure they were enjoyed by all once they made it home. Apparently, Y5 are taking the lead at being the best 'washer-uppers'! Well done.





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It was great to welcome Sam Kellie from North Tyne Youth into school last week and talk about how they can support our pupils at this current time. Sam put me in touch with his colleague, Lisa Robinson, who is going to visit our bubbles on Friday 20th November and talk about the important work they do. Later in the year, North Tyne Youth are going to work with our Y8 pupils in supporting them with transition to their new high school.



You may remember that parental views were sought in September regarding remote learning provision during the last lockdown. Your views and opinions have been extremely valuable and have been used to draw up some clear expectations *should* there be another lockdown in future. These will be communicated to you next week.



Exciting times – don't forget that from Monday 16th November we are going cashless for lunches! All payments are made through Parentmail and you will be required to select your child's menu choices for a full week at a time. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Friday 20 th November	North Tyne Youth (speaking to bubbles)
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Crafts Afternoon
Wednesday 16 th December	In-house treat (Enrichment Homework)
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas 'Bubble' Services in church
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas 'Bubble' parties in school
Friday 18 th December	End of Autumn term