



Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, our school calendar is slimmed down as we rearrange planned visits and events. As a school, we realise how deeply disappointing this is but also how necessary in order to stay as safe as possible. I cannot emphasise enough how important regular testing is for our older pupils in order to minimise transmission rates, as well as remembering the advice of 'hands, face, space'. In school, we have introduced more measures as there has been a slight increase in reported cases this week.

Appointments for our online parents evening have gone 'live'. Thank you to those who have already booked times; if you need any help in doing so, please get in touch. We look forward to talking about how hard our children are working this term and the great progress they're making.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Lindsay Hamilton

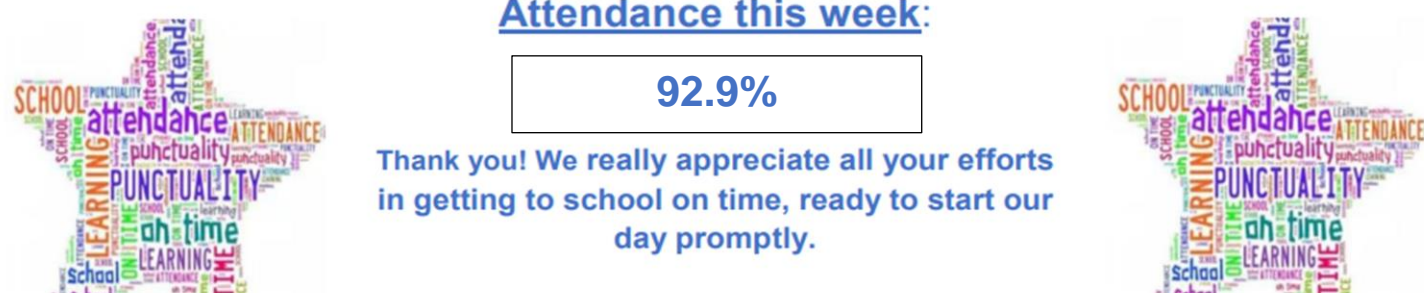


Attendance this week:

92.9%

Thank you! We really appreciate all your efforts in getting to school on time, ready to start our day promptly.

Did you know...?



Attendance	Description	Approx. days lost per year	Approx. weeks lost per year
98 – 100%	Excellent	0 to 4	Less than 1
95 – 98%	Good	5 to 9	1 to 2
93 – 95%	Satisfactory	10 to 13	2 to 3
90 – 93%	Unsatisfactory	14 to 19	4 to 6
>90%	Persistent Absence	More than 19	More than 4

The government expects your child's attendance to be 95% or better.
Schools are held to account for your child's attendance.
Please remember holidays in term time will be unauthorised.



Reading Rewards!

It's great to see our new reading incentives are having such a positive impact! Each half term, we recognise those who have made the greatest effort with their reading along with the class who has taken the most AR quizzes. And our winners are...



Madi, Sam, Amelie and William.

Well done and keep up the good work!

Why read?

1. Imagination – books can take you anywhere you want to go!
2. Helps you to focus and improve concentration.
3. Reading improves your memory.
4. Reading helps with communication.
5. Entertainment! It's cheap and it's free!
6. Language development.
7. One-on-one attention from parents during reading encourages children to form a positive association with books and reading.
8. Develops fluency – the ability to read with speed, accuracy and expression.
9. Reading makes you smarter.
10. Expands your knowledge.



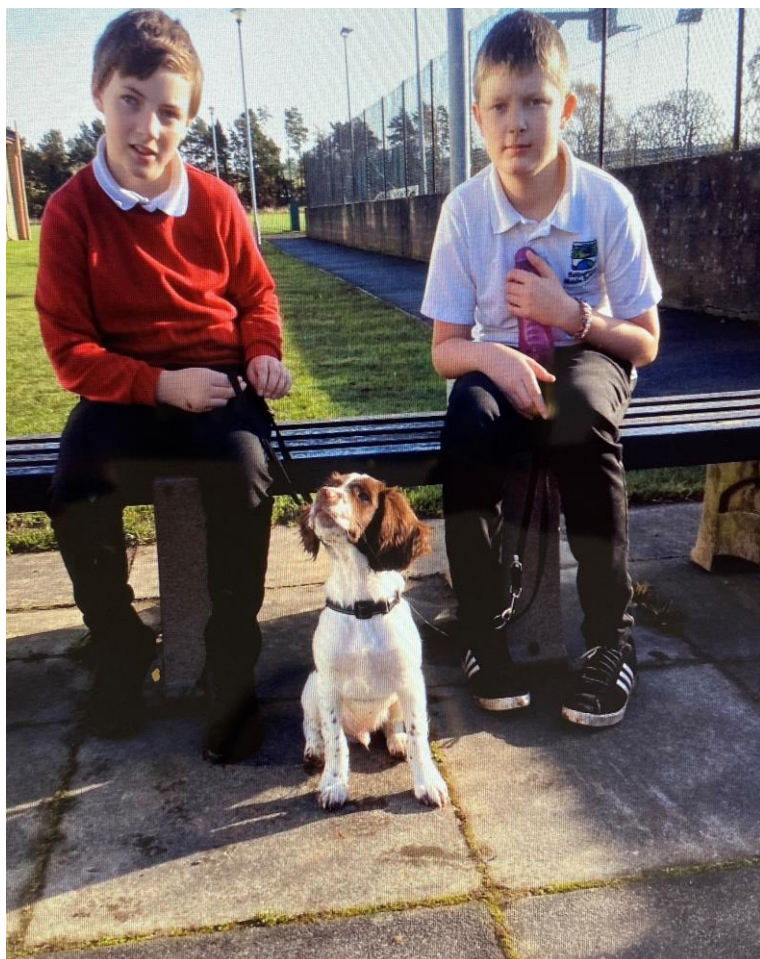


Gorgeous Gus!

We had a very special visitor into school this week – therapy dog, Gus!



It's fair to say that Gus certainly 'lifted the mood' in the classroom and our pupils thoroughly enjoyed having him around. Some children really enjoyed reading to him!



We can't wait until we see him again!



Music



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Costs vary according to group size and financial assistance is available where eligible.



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<https://music.northumberland.gov.uk> 01670 624045 Lesley.Scott@northumberland.gov.uk

Many of our children have expressed a keen interest to learn an instrument. This could be possible and at the moment we are eager to determine how many and also what kind of tuition is in demand.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could complete our online form [here](#) if your child would like to learn how to play an instrument so that we can plan the next steps.

If you have any queries, please contact Ms Esposito at school.



Dates for your diary...

Thursday 18th November

Online Parents' Evening: 4pm – 7pm

Tuesday 23rd November

Online Parents' Evening: 4pm – 7pm

Friday 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 13th December

Enrichment Homework reward - afternoon

Tuesday 14th December

Christmas Parties - afternoon

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Fayre: 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Thursday 16th December

Christmas Carol Service – 10:00am, St Cuthbert's

Friday 17th December

School closes for Christmas holidays

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Training Day

Wednesday 5th January 2022

School opens for Spring term

Friday 7th January 2022

Pantomime, Theatre Royal, Newcastle

(Oh yes, we are!)