

**Friday 10th
September 2021**

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back! The children have been really good this week settling into new routines and their new classes. I am sure you are all as proud of them as we are.

This week in our School

This week the children have been learning about the following topics.

Reception: All around me

Years 1&2: Homes

Years 3: Prehistoric Britain

Year 4&5: Ancient Greece

Year 6: Ancient Egyptians

(Parents of children in Years 4,5 and 6 may be interested to know that the Great North Museum: Hancock in Newcastle city centre have exhibitions on both Ancient Greece and Ancient Egyptians).

Topics—Week beginning Monday 13th September

Next week the children will be continuing to work on the topics they have started this week as part of our blocked curriculum.

Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading	Mathletics
R	Reggie B	Stanley S		
1	Clayton B	Bobby M		
2	Osian D	Scarlett M	Osian D Amelia M Francesca S	
3	Henry E	Amelia G		
4	Michael G	Jasmine H		
5	Imogen R	Maia R	Imogen R	
6	Jay T	Brendan A		
Headteacher Awards: All Year 6 and Rebecca R (4) Ellie A (2)				

Morning Club and After School

We are currently offering morning club from 7:45am and After School Club until 5:30pm. Please contact the school office for more details.

Photographer

Yesterday Tempest Photography visited the school and we aim to have the proofs of both the individual and sibling photographs sent home today in your child's bag (please check it). The photographer commented on both the excellent organisation of school staff and the impeccable manners of the children. These factors gave her some 'free' time which meant we were also able to take whole class photographs (we are currently waiting for these proofs which we will distribute as soon as they arrive).

Please note if you order online before Wednesday 22nd September your order will be delivered to the school free of charge. Orders after this date will incur a delivery charge.

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Shilbottle newsletter



Entering and Leaving School.

Firstly, many thanks to you all for getting your children to school on time before the school gates close at 8:40. We do appreciate this is 5 minutes earlier than previously and those 5 minutes can be precious when organising children each morning. We have already seen the benefits of this as the children are in class and ready to start their learning. By 8:45 We feel there are many benefits to this start time, including giving our working parents a little extra time to get to work and enabling us to keep having both a morning and afternoon break. Many primary schools no longer have an afternoon break but we feel allowing children to exercise, get fresh air and talk/play with their friends is a key part of their mental and physical wellbeing.

As you are aware we are dismissing Years 3 to 6 at 3:15. The aim is that younger children will be dismissed first with Year 6 being the final class to be dismissed. Therefore we would greatly appreciate your cooperation in keeping your children safe at home time. If the parents of the younger children could be on time and allowed access to the gates in the first instance this will enable them to collect their child and move out of the way to enable us to dismiss the next class. We do appreciate many parents only meet each other at the school gates and like to spend some time catching up but in the interests of children's safety we (and other parents) would greatly appreciate it if these chats could take place away from school gates. We have continued our work with Northumberland County Council with the aim to have safety barriers installed at both school entrances and I will keep you informed of any progress as soon as we are informed.

Dates for the future

Date	Year group	Event	Notes
2021			
All Wednesdays — autumn term	6	Swimming	
Friday 22nd October	All	School closes for half term and TTD	
Monday 1st November	All	School reopens	
Friday 17th December	All	School closes at 2pm	
2022			
Tuesday 4th January	All	School reopens	
Friday 18th February	All	School closes for half term and TTD	
Tuesday 1st March	All	School reopens	
Friday 8th April	All	School closes at 2pm (Easter)	
Monday 25th April	All	School reopens	
Monday 2nd May	All	Bank Holiday (school closed)	
Friday 27th May	All	School closes for half term, TTD and Platinum Jubilee Bank Holidays	
Tuesday 7th June	All	School reopens	
Friday 22nd July	All	School closes at 2pm	

Regards
Mr G Parnaby
Headteacher