



# NCEA Warkworth Primary School

## Summer Newsletter

Dear parents/ carers,

We hope you've all had a lovely summer break!

We're all looking forward to welcoming everyone back and we'd like to extend a very warm welcome to our new starters throughout school and we are looking forward to getting to know you all. I do apologise, it's a long newsletter but we do hope it provides you with everything you need!

We have a training day on Monday 5th September but we will see you all on **Tuesday 6th September** (don't forget there are new start and finish times, see below).

Lessons officially start at 8.45 am (Reception - Year 6)

### Door open for:

Nursery pupils: 9 am - 3pm

Reception: 8.40 am - 3.15 pm

Year 1 and 2 (KS1) 8.40 am - 3.15 pm

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (KS2) 8.30 am - 3.15 pm

\*Please note, due to staffing and ratios,, we are unable to take in nursery children earlier than 9am. We're busy updating Dojo at the moment so you should be able to contact your new class teacher from Monday 6th September. For now, if you have any questions, please contact me directly on Dojo. As always, we're here to help so please get in touch if you need anything.

### Worries about returning to school, don't worry session!

We also have the drop in sessions on Friday in partnership with Morrisons Amble, please remember parents must attend for health and safety reasons (see community newsletter for further details).

9 - 10 am Reception, 10- 11 am Year 1 , 11- 12 am Year 2

12- 1 pm Year 3 , 1- 2pm Year 4 , 2- 3pm Year 5/6

**Please let Mrs Ritson know if you and your child are planning to attend by Thursday 1pm.**

### School vision

Our shared vision at NCEA Warkworth Primary leads everything we do and was developed in partnership with pupils, staff, governors and parents in 2018. At NCEA Warkworth Primary we # 'Strive together as one' (Philippians 1:27) as a school community in all that we do!



The first part of vision centres on the Christian value of **Community**. The symbol above is the one pupils picked because they felt it showed that everyone was interlinked and work together and emphasised the importance of being together. '**Let us not neglect meeting together**' (Hebrews 10 24:25).



The second part of the vision centres on the Christian value of **Love**. '**Acts of love and good works**' (Hebrews 10 24:25). Pupils created this symbol because they felt that the rainbow heart represented that everyone was individual and unique but that at NCEA Warkworth Primary we are also one. It also supports our work as a Rainbow Flag School ! '**Acts of love and good works**' led the development of our Community Curriculum with a focus on social action and making a difference but at NCEA Warkworth Primary it's not just about us completing social action it's about inspiring others to lead social action too: it's a community effort, we # Strive together as one!



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Our school rules also come from our Christian value of **Love** and they were designed by pupils:

- Love yourself
- Love each other and
- Love the world!

Pupils moved 'love yourself' to the start because they felt their own mental health and wellbeing should be a priority. They felt that they couldn't love each other and the world unless they loved themselves first.

However in 2019, pupils really wanted to personalise the vision further and found 'Strive together as one' (Philippians 1:27). They then added the '#' at the front to remind them about online safety and so we signed up to the Church of England's Social Media guidelines:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/terms-and-conditions/our-social-media-community-guidelines>

**Watch out for the ICT agreement that will be coming home shortly for your child and you to sign!**



### Cost of living crisis - support group

With energy prices set to rise again in October we wondered if any parents would like to get together to discuss ideas of how we can support each other during these difficult times. Please let Mrs Gibson know if you would like to be involved.

In the meantime, please see attached list of suggestions to improve energy efficiency in the home.

If you are struggling financially please visit Turn2Us at the following link for advice:

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

### Better Health - Every Mind Matters

The Better Health – Every Mind Matters website is designed to empower people to look after their mental health and wellbeing and support that of others. It offers a free NHS-approved Mind Plan. By answering five quick questions you'll get a personalised action plan with practical tips to help you deal with stress and anxiety, boost your mood, sleep better and feel more in control. To date over 4.2 million Mind Plans have been created. You can also choose to have more tips emailed to you to help improve your wellbeing.

Find out more by clicking here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/>



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## Social action led by our school community last year!

### Forest School for toddlers

- Miss Fife leads weekly for the school community.

### St Lawrence Church and Reverend Helen

- Half termly community events for all.
- Messy Church
- Reverend Helen leading worship weekly and Godly Play.

### Eco Club

- Achieved the Green Flag Award (again) for leading community and school projects to love the world!
- Supporting St Lawrence Church with the Eco Church Award.
- Recycling centre and community drop off for Amble Foodbank.
- Planned and led 3 x collective worship throughout the year. Pledges of action (whole school).
- Free fruit provided to all year groups for playtime.

### Vision Club

- Created an eco friendly community den.
- Whole school created our vision through art.
- Developed and led the prayer space room.
- Led prayer spaces throughout school weekly.
- Planned and led collective worship.
- Created social action videos on spirituality: how can we love ourselves, each other and the world?

### Friendship Club

- LGBTQ+ windows of Love, rainbow origami, positive affirmations and friendship bracelets.

### SAS (School Action Squad)

- SAS Squad led the whole school reading challenge!
- Full Christmas dinners for Amble Foodbank ( x 7 for families).
- Planned and led collective worship.

### Whole school community examples:

- The whole school community filled the hall for Afghanistan Appeal working with A Child's Wish.

- We again filled the hall for Ukraine working with the local community.
- Supportive Shed re-established by pupils.

### Amble Food Bank - led by Y6 pupils

- Weekly donations of approximately 100 items.
- Additional vans full of donations for harvest, Easter and the end of the year !

### Destiny Streetworks (our street friends)

- Goodie packs made up and distributed.
- Friendship bracelets made by pupils.
- Fundraising completed and parcels distributed half termly.
- Handing out food parcels in Newcastle (parents, the team and pupils).

### Morrisons and CAN

- 30 slow cookers donated to families.
- Workshops on energy conservation and debt management.
- Slow cooker recipes and ingredients donated weekly to families during the summer holidays.
- Supported 2x community events in the summer holidays.

### Further Community Events

- Warkworth Ukraine Support Group, Culture and Cake event .
- Whole school - Easter knitting, messages of hope throughout the community.
- Macmillan Coffee Morning for Mrs Gibson's and Ms Young's Big Hike.
- NUFC holiday clubs provided free of charge and open to families at Easter ( 4 days).
- Everyone is Awesome Week led by pupils, parents and the team!
- Collective worship every half term for families focused on our shared vision and led by pupils.
- All social action groups led stalls at the school summer fair.
- School nurse service provided to families throughout the summer holiday, if needed.
- Thrive sessions provided after school 2 x per week by Miss Wilkie (term time).





**Can you believe the list of social action continues!**

## **Impact of the Community Curriculum**

### **Reception**

- Created and shared their social action video: how can I save the world?
- Social action video shared with local care homes (covid restrictions): how can I share my love?
- Posters created and distributed throughout the community: how can we save the oceans?

### **Year 1**

- Adopted an animal from Northumberland Zoo.
- Community posters - how can we be more environmentally friendly and love the world?
- Social action video and trail - how can we inspire others to walk more?

### **Year 2**

- Adopted an animal from Northumberland Zoo.
- Raised money for Unicef through their geography topic with Paddington Bear.
- Led a cake sale for Ukraine as part of RE.

### **Year 3 /4**

- Litter picking, advertising food bank through letter drops and creating change maker posters for St Lawrence Church. Supporting St Lawrence Church with Eco Church.

### **Year 5 /6**

- Traffic surveys, COP 26 competition won and developing our vegetable garden further.
- Inspiring others into action for Ukraine using art work by MyDogSighs and Charlie Mackesy.

**Wow!**

**When you write it all down, well as much as I can remember, you realise what a truly amazing impact our school vision has on our local and global community and that's just in one year!**

**Well done everyone, what a difference you've all made, thank you all for your ongoing support.**

**At NCEA Warkworth Primary we really do:**

**# Strive together as one (Philippians 1:27)!**

**I can't wait to see what we all achieve this year.**

**If you have any suggestions, as always, please get in touch!**

### **Better Health at Work Award**

One last thing on social action, we want to thank Mrs Gibson and her team (Ms Young and Miss Fife) for all their hard work towards the Better Health at Work Award (BHAWA) On the last day of term (their date, not ours) Mrs Gibson undertook the BHAWA assessment for Gold! We've got everything crossed and we should find out by the end of September - good luck team NCEA Warkworth Primary!

If you'd like to find out more about the award or would like some help to set it up in your workplace, please talk to Mrs Gibson or follow the link below.

Led by our vision, we feel during the most challenging of times it really has supported our team when we've needed it the most.

<https://www.betterhealthatworkaward.org.uk/>  
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## Attendance

Please remember **lessons start at 8.45 am** for children from Reception to Year 6; therefore, if your child arrives up to 10 minutes after their allocated time it is recorded as a 'late' on the register.

If your child arrives **more than 10 minutes** after their allocated time it is recorded as 'Late' but also as an 'unauthorised' absence.

Please help us promote good attendance throughout our school – you really do play an important role.

### Attendance really does matter!

- 98 percent attendance means four school days missed
- 95 percent attendance means 10 school days missed
- 90 percent attendance means 19 school days missed
- 80 percent attendance means 38 school days missed

Five minutes late each day means three school days missed - this can have a huge impact on your child's progress .

## Uniform

Please remember, all non branded uniform can be purchased from ASDA, Tesco etc. The only item of our uniform that is branded and compulsory is the coloured PE t'shirt.

As always, you can also hand in any pre loved uniform into the office at anytime and also access the preloved uniform, just ask Mrs Gibson. Eco Club will also continue to lead additional uniform swaps throughout the year.

The uniform requirements for pupils in Nursery up to Year 4 are:

- Green polo shirt (optional logo)
- Green jumper (optional logo)
- Black trousers
- Pinafore, tartan skirt, green or black skirt, Green or black tights only . Plain green or black pinafores can also be worn.
- Plain black or grey socks
- Dark green cardigan or jumper (logo optional)
- Black shoes, **no ankle or knee boots or trainers please.**

The uniform requirements for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6:

- Blazers (optional) and ties with white shirts (ties can be all green or green & white striped, whichever is preferred)
- Black trousers
- Pinafore, tartan, plain green or black skirt.
- Green or black tights only .
- Black shoes, **no ankle or knee high boots or trainers**
- \*Please can we ask that everyone in Years 5 and 6 wear their school tie as this is part of the school uniform.

## PE kit

The standard requirements for PE are:  
A t-shirt in either the school colour (green) or any other colour. **This is the only item that we request has a logo on it. Plain** black shorts, joggers or leggings (no branding please).

**Plain** black hoodie/jumper as we go outside regularly. Trainers, there is no need for black sandshoes.

Please note, Reception pupils do not require a PE kit.



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### Hair and nail accessories

Over the summer term we had a colourful array of headbands and bobbles coming into school. As we're starting the new school year, please can we ask that **head bands are plain black or green and so are hair bobbles**. Any clips or bows also need to be small, plain and either black or green. **Please also make sure that medium/ long hair is tied up. No nail varnish or dyed hair for school please.**

### Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of children, young people or vulnerable adults, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Ritson or one of the deputies, Mrs Coils, Mrs Gibson or Miss Fife. If you'd like to see a copy of Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, please follow the link:

<https://warkworth.ncea.org.uk/key-information/policies/>

**Mr Dave Morrison, Parent Governor is also our Safeguarding Governor.**

### Green button- please read!

Please be aware that there is a big green button next to the door (in the entrance). **Pupils are not allowed to press this under any circumstance** (even if an adult or parent asks them to) and this rule is there to keep all of the children safe. **Please can we ask that parents/ grandparents do not ask pupils to press this button.**

### Good to be Green

Good to be Green is our approach to behaviour in school. We plan to review how we use 'Good to be Green' on training day so as soon as we've done this as a team and I've spoken to pupils, I will provide an update and any changes we make as a result.

### Mental health and wellbeing

All staff at NCEA Warkworth Primary are dedicated to supporting the holistic development of every child and we believe that talking to your child, supporting them through misunderstandings and friendship challenges is key to their social and emotional development. Therefore, please do not worry if they say, 'I've been into Mrs Ritson's office' or if a member of staff has asked to talk to them. I know we say this every year, but we really do need to emphasise that listening and talking to pupils is central to everything that we do. We will get in contact if we have any concerns. We now have 4 x Mental Health First Aiders (for adults and children) who are Mrs Coils, Mrs Ritson, Mrs Gibson and Miss Fife.

Last September, we introduced 'Talking Time,' which was a time each day when pupils had additional time to talk to their class teacher about their worries, friendship challenges or to share their feelings. Pupils and the team feel this lunch time slot has worked to an extent but pupils felt that it didn't work as well during the lunch break. Taking this into account, we're now working with Jane Crudance, School Nurse to extend our work further!



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Jane will be in school every Thursday pm providing support to our school community. Please let us know if you'd like to work with Jane.



### Breakfast and after school club

We have a steady number of children coming along each day and they all enjoy a healthy nutritious breakfast before embarking on their learning activities.

A typical morning at breakfast club would involve:-

- washing hands before eating a healthy breakfast;
- helping to clear away the plates etc;
- having fun interacting with friends;
- playing games e.g. marble run and frustration and
- making cards, decorations, origami etc.

After school club activities may include:-

Board games, card games, construction, art, play dough, computer games, cooking, crafts, homework support, seasonal celebrations, outdoor play & forest school activities, computers and interactive whiteboard time.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact Mrs Gibson Tel. 711369

Breakfast Club	Drop off between 7.30 – 8.00am	Drop off after 8.00 am	
Cost	£4	£2	
After School Club	From 3.15pm – 4.15pm	From 3.15pm – 5.15pm	From 3.15 – 5.30pm
Cost	£4	£8	£10
<p><b>Please note:</b></p> <p>Discounts are available for families with one or more children attending.</p>			



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### Packed lunches

The UK government produced packed lunch guidance to support the implementation of new school food standards for school lunches and ensure that all children benefit from eating quality food during the school day.

The guidelines are:

- One portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable or salad every day to be included in packed lunches.
- Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein should be included every day. Non-dairy sources of protein include lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus, peanut butter and falafel.
- An oily fish, such as salmon, should be included at least once every three weeks.
- A starchy food, such as bread or pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other cereals, should be included every day.
- A dairy food, such as semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard should be included every day.
- Free, fresh drinking water should be available at all times.
- Please include only **water or milk in pack lunches**.

- **Snacks such as crisps should not be included daily.** Instead, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat. Savoury crackers or bread sticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food are also a good choice
- **Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets should not be included.** Cakes and biscuits are allowed but these should be part of a balanced meal.
- Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned beef and sausages / chipolatas should be included only occasionally.

**To ensure consistency and to keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals, packed lunches should not contain the following:**

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans.
- Fruit flavoured squash or drinks such as Ribena, Capri Sun or Fruit Shoots.
- Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionery. Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches.
- Chewing gum
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn
- Energy drinks

If the above items are included, we will remove the item from the child and replace it with a suitable alternative.

**All children need a water bottle for school. Please make sure children's water bottles only contain water during the day, please do not add diluted squash.**







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### Nuts

Some pupils within the school suffer from food allergies. **NCEA Warkworth Primary has a no nuts policy** as some children can have an extreme allergic reaction to nuts. Please do not send any products that contain nuts into school.

The school also recognises that some pupils may require special diets that do not allow for the standards to be met exactly. In this case, parents are urged to be responsible for ensuring that packed lunches are as healthy as possible. **If your child does have specific dietary needs, please come and discuss them with Mrs Gibson or Mrs Ritson.**

### Break time snacks

We provide all children in school with fruit/ vegetables for break time. Your child is welcome to bring in their own too if they wish but this is all we allow for break times. No other snacks please.

### Earrings in school and for PE

#### In school:

Pupils should only be wearing 1 small stud earring in each ear – no hoops or dangly earrings please for health and safety reasons.

#### For PE:

Please ensure that your child can cover their earrings using tape before a PE lesson starts or they can remove them independently. From September, we are unable to do this or provide tape so please make sure your child is able to do this independently and there is tape in their bag.

### Birthday cakes

We love to celebrate children's birthdays in school by hearing what pupils have been up to and singing happy birthday; unfortunately, we are unable to give out cakes/ biscuits and sweets. Please could we ask for these to be kept at home for parties and your own celebrations or you could hand them out after school.

### Parents of children in the Two's Room

We look forward to welcoming you back and meeting our new starters too. Just to let you know Miss Fife, our EYFS Lead (leader of Two's, Nursery and Reception) will be organising training on Tapestry (our online learning journeys) for you, a letter with all dates to follow. If you have any questions, please catch Miss Fife or contact her on Class Dojo.

### General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

We need to collect permissions annually from parents to comply with GDPR regulations. Therefore, you will be requested to complete a special form through ParentMail. It will detail all the permissions that we need to comply with regulations. Please can you fill it in as a matter of priority.



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### School milk & dinner money

#### Free school meals - what is it and can I get it?

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are currently entitled to free school meals regardless of your household income.

**From Year 3 onwards your children could get free lunches, and sometimes milk, at school if you are receiving one of the benefits below:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) at the time of your application. If your income goes above the threshold in the future, but you remain on Universal Credit, your child will still be eligible (see below). If you applied before 1 April 2018 there was no household income threshold for Universal Credit claimants.

Some children attending the nursery provision may also be eligible for free school meals providing parents meet the criteria detailed above.

**Please get in touch with Mrs Gibson if you would like any advice or help.**

#### School milk

Milk for the whole of the autumn term (Sept. – Dec.) costs £10.25 (this includes an EU subsidy) or is free to any pupils who will still be aged 4 or below on 22nd December 2022.

If your child is aged 4 or below we will assume that he/she will be having milk unless you tell us otherwise.

#### School Meals

School dinners cost £2.20 per day.

#### Music lessons

Please contact Music Partnership North to enrol your child for music lessons or for more information (see attached leaflet).

#### Children with medical needs

Please keep us informed of any medical needs that your child may have.

If your child has any of the following medical conditions, please can you let Mrs Gibson know and together an Individual Healthcare Plan can be completed for your child.

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy

Mrs Gibson will be contacting parents of children that we already know have one of the conditions listed above to update our records.



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### Accidents at home and in school

If your child has an accident at home resulting in an injury please can you let us know asap - we will ask you to fill in a pre-existing injury form.

If your child has an accident at school, staff always fill in a form detailing how the accident occurred and whether first aid was administered. In addition, please be assured that staff always inform parents of any major accidents or if the accident resulted in a head bump/injury.

### Medication

If your child needs any form of medication whilst they are in school please can you make arrangements with Mrs Gibson.

### Mobile phones

Children in Years 5 & 6 are permitted to bring their mobile phone to school; however, they will not have access to it during the day. Mobile phones will be collected by Mr Teasdale who will then store them away securely. Phones will be returned back to children at 3.15pm.

### Class Dojo for new parents

Class Dojo is a communication app for the classroom. It connects teachers, parents, and students who use it to share photos, videos, and messages through the school day. We use ClassDojo to work together as a team, share in the classroom experiences, and bring big ideas to life in classrooms and homes. **You should receive (by email) an invitation to join if you are not already on—please can you let us know if it has not arrived.**

### Fire & Lockdown drills

We have fire alarm drills once every term to ensure we are keeping everyone safe and so all staff and pupils are aware of the procedures. In addition to this, we will complete lockdown drills each term.

During a lockdown all staff members will keep pupils indoors for a period of time and the drill will be explained to pupils.

There are a number of reasons that could cause a school to use the lockdown procedure:

- A dangerous animal comes onto the premises.
- An unauthorised person(s) considered dangerous comes on to school grounds.
- A member of staff, volunteer or pupil becomes a threat to the wellbeing of others.
- If there was a risk of poisonous fumes or a chemical spillage.

### What will we do as part of the lockdown?

If children are outside then teachers will direct pupils inside and all exterior doors will be locked with windows secured and blinds closed. If children are inside the building then they will stay in the classroom they are in and again all doors and windows around the school will be secured. During this time, nobody will be allowed in or out of the building. At the end of the drill we will make sure everyone is aware that the lockdown has finished.



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### Holiday Requests

As a parent/carer you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not allowing your child to miss school for anything other than an exceptional and unavoidable reason. However, If you intend to take your child out of school during term time then you must complete a holiday request form **at least 2 weeks in advance. It is the policy of all schools in the Coquet Partnership NOT TO AUTHORISE HOLIDAY ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME.**

If an unauthorised leave of absence is taken during term time and:

your child's attendance was below 94% in the last academic year...

OR

your child's attendance was below 94% in the 12 months leading up to the holiday....

OR

taking the holiday will make it impossible for your child to reach 94% attendance by the end of the current academic year....

an application to the Local Authority Education Welfare Officer will be made unless there are 'exceptional circumstances'.

OUR OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET FOR 2022-2023 IS 97%

### Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school lottery and congratulations to all of our lottery winners so far!

If you would like to join the lottery go to: [YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](http://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk) and search for NCEA Warkworth Primary.

### ParentMail

We will be introducing a new system ARBOR for communicating with parents and collecting payment for school dinners etc. Please only use ParentMail to clear any outstanding balances. More information about ARBOR will follow in due course.

### Finally...

I hope this introductory newsletter answers some of the questions that you may have. We will send out a further newsletter with dates for the term over the coming weeks.

Please remember all initial dates and information will be sent via Parent Mail; however, we do use Class Dojo to add photos, videos and reminders of dates/ events so we really do need all parents to log on. Please ask if you need any support with this.

You can also email all staff including myself on Dojo but we can't guarantee that we will respond immediately as all staff have full teaching timetables and attend meetings after school. Therefore, if the message is urgent, please contact Mrs Gibson in the school office or myself and we will pass on any messages. Don't forget, we also have Facebook and Twitter which we use for advertising. Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday the 6th of September 2022 if not before !

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