



NCEA Warkworth Primary School

Summer Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

It's been great to welcome everyone back to school this week, we hope you all enjoyed some of the lovely weather over the Easter break. I do apologise for the delay in sending out the newsletter; however, we are so proud of everything that our school community is achieving at the moment, we wanted to make sure everything was included!

Everything we do in school is led by our school vision # Strive Together as one (Philippians 1:27) and the two Christian values at the heart of our shared vision are Love and Community. This week the Christian value we focussed on as part of worship was Community and we've been reflecting on what we're all thankful for. I've attached a family pack if you'd like to find out more.

'Acts of Love and good works' Hebrews 10 24:25

Foodbank

Wow, well done to Amelia, Fleur, Zara, Arthur and Katie who came up with the idea to lead weekly challenges to get everyone in school involved with donating to the foodbank. They presented to each class and then led a worship! 174 items were donated this week- thank you so much!

Years 3 & 4 have also been out and about in the community distributing food bank posters so the whole community know they can drop off food to us.

Everyone is Awesome Week 23rd - 27th May

Everyone is Awesome week was the idea of one of our children several years back who wanted others to understand what it is like to be autistic - the challenges and the joys. From this idea developed a week of workshops and exploration of what makes us all different and unique, what 'special needs' such as ASD, ADHD, dyslexia, visual impairment etc mean to pupils and what helps us all learn, make friends and **be awesome!** What really makes the week special is that pupils and parents take the lead and get involved to help us all understand more. If you are or your child is willing to talk about an area of SEN that's important to you and your family please let Mrs Coils know - you don't have to be an expert!

Eco Club Update

Eco Club members have enjoyed promoting and organising recycling in school. If you have any uniform to donate for our uniform swap event, please can you leave it in the main entrance.

Uniform swap event Tuesday 24th May 3:00pm.
A uniform swap stall will be set up near the bike / scooter shelter for anyone to collect and take away uniform items.



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School Action Squad Update (SAS)

Meetings will be held on Monday 9th May, 16th May and 23rd May to complete our current campaign. We have been learning about the importance of reading, why we read and the barriers to reading. We are hoping to develop a 'Little library' on the school grounds and liaise with the Warkworth Little Library. The squad would like to create an atmosphere where reading for pleasure is encouraged at home and school, with more whole school reading challenges coming soon!



COP26 Competition

In autumn term, each class entered a Northumberland Church of England Academy Trust competition led by CEO Alan Hardy. Through the great work and presentation of Zara, Ella, Archie and Archie. Warkworth Primary school won the competition. We identified the locations in our school ground and researched the costs and created plans to help the environment. We will be working with the North East Growers' Association to develop our vegetable garden further at school. We have £250 worth of money to spend on the area and we will be starting work on the 16th May 2022.

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Safeguarding

As you're already aware safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and Mrs Ritson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Coils is Deputy Safeguarding Lead in school. We've attached a copy of our policy. All policies are also available on our school website and in the office.

Attendance

We've been working closely with our EWO (Education Welfare Officer) over the spring term and we just wanted to thank parents and pupils for their continued efforts with attendance especially during the covid pandemic.

Attendance is continuing to improve and so far this academic year we have achieved 94% attendance overall (to 08/04/2022).

We are particularly keen to reduce persistent absence in school - this is when a pupil's overall absence rate is 10% or higher. Please get in touch if you feel there is anyway we can support you to improve your child's attendance - we are here to help.

Holiday requests

As a parent/carer you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by ensuring they don't 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 two weeks in advance.



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Swimming

Lessons will resume at Willowburn in Alnwick next week. The following year groups will attend each Friday afternoon on the dates listed below:

- **Years 3 & 4:** 6th May, 13th May, 20th May.
- **Years 5 & 6:** 27th May, 10th June, 17th June, 24th June, 1st July, 8th July, 15th July.

School Milk

Milk for the **whole** of the summer term (Apr. – Jul) costs £10.60 (this includes an EU subsidy) or is free to any pupils who will still be aged 4 or below on 22nd July 2022.

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

Parents can pay for school milk/dinners via the ParentMail app.

Early Years - Funded Entitlement

Children must have turned 2 or 3 by 31st March to access the funded entitlement in Summer term. Please see table below for further guidance on term cut-off dates.

Children born in the period/eligibility established (30 hours)	Eligible from the start of the term on or following
1 st April – 31 st August	1 st September
1 st Sept – 31 st December	1 st January
1 st Jan – 31 st March	1 st April

Mexican Themed Lunch: 19th May 2022

If your child usually brings their own packed lunch to school but would prefer to have a school lunch on this day, please let us know.

‘Let us not neglect meeting together’. Hebrews 10 24:25 (Community).

Employability Support For Parents

The Education Development Trust have developed a programme “Making a Difference” and are focussing on parents who may be considering returning to work in September 2022. They may be able to offer a bespoke course for a group of parents and provide the funding for childcare whilst parents attend. Please let us know if you are interested and we can pass on your details.

School Health ChatHealth Texting Service

This service offers all young people in Northumberland the chance to access online advice and support from a School Nurse through offering a discreet and quick text messaging service that is safe and easy to use. Whilst they continue to see young people face to face, ChatHealth offers all young people access to health advice in a quick, secure way.



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Mental Health Awareness Week: 9th - 15th May

This year's theme is exploring the impact of **Loneliness**.

We will be encouraging children to look at ways of helping themselves, family and friends to combat loneliness. Watch this space!

Ways that you can help lift loneliness this #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek:

- ⚽ Join a sports club
- 🎮 Play a game with friends or family
- 😊 Volunteer locally
- ☎ Check in with loved ones

Find out how you can help lift someone out of loneliness ↓

www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/lifes-challenges/loneliness/ #EveryMindMatters



Staffing

We recently said a reluctant goodbye to Miss Sharp but we wish her well in her new job!

We welcome Miss Wilkinson, Teaching Assistant who will be based in Year 1 and also Miss Younger, Teaching Assistant in Early Years.



E-Safety Training	Tuesday 20th June 3.15pm with Mrs Frater. Parents of all year groups are welcome to attend.
Forest School	Year 1: Every Tuesday Year 2: Alternate Thursdays beginning 12th May. Year 3 & 4 : TBC, see Dojo. Year 6: Friday 13th May (as a reward for SATs). Year 5 & 6: Thursday 26th May



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EYFS Forest School sessions	<p>Nursery Tuesday and Thursday afternoons every week.</p> <p>Reception: Every Friday afternoon.</p> <p>Children will need waterproofs & wellies in school please.</p> <p>Pre-School Children</p> <p>Miss Fife will be leading forest school activities outside in our new forest school! If you and your little one would like to be added to the list, please send Mrs Gibson a message! We hope to run on a Friday am 9.30 am - 11 am, starting in a couple of weeks. The first session will include a story around the fire in the new hobbit house.</p>
Head Teacher - Drop in sessions	<p>13th May, 27th May, 17th June, 1st July & 15th July.</p> <p>If you would like to call in and have a chat with Mrs Ritson between 8.00 - 9.30am please let Mrs Gibson know in advance.</p>

NUFC Festivals at NCEA	<p>Children will travel to Dukes Secondary School in Ashington to take part in a carousel of activities (together with children from other schools within the Trust) organised by NUFC Foundation.</p> <p>The bus will leave after lunch and return in time for children to be collected by parents at 3.00pm. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2 towards transport costs.</p> <p>Years 3 & 4: Tuesday, 3rd May Year 2: Tuesday, 10th May Years 5 & 6: Tuesday, 7th June</p>
<p>JASS Club</p> <p>Led by Mrs Teasdale</p> <p>Years 5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday 3 - 4pm</p>	<p>Starting on the 19th April JASS is a Junior Award Scheme for schools that allows primary aged children a chance to work towards a goal in four key areas: adventure; get active, stay active; my interests, me and my world. It stems from our vision and school rules: love yourself, each other and the world. The award is a dedication to an activity and to show evidence of dedication for 8 - 12 hours across a year. It's similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award but for younger children. Pupils that complete the award will gain a certificate showing there perseverance and dedication. For more information: https://www.jassschools.org.uk/</p>





Year Group Events

Nursery Led by the EYFS Team	Den Making Day on the 29th June 1.30pm - parents welcome!
Reception Led by Miss Fife	Den making day 24th June 1.30pm - parents welcome!
Year 1 Led by Mrs Morris	Class led worship - 17th May at 2.00pm . Parents are welcome to attend. Phonics Screening Check meeting - Monday, 9th May 3.00 - 3.30pm Trip to St. Lawrence Church - Monday 23rd May 1.15pm NUFC Festival at Trust - Tuesday, 10th May .
Year 2 Led by Mrs Frater/ Mrs Coils	Class led worship - 27th May at 2.00pm . Parents are welcome to attend. SATs Week 16th May . NUFC Festival at Trust - Tuesday, 10th May . Fire service will also be visiting!
Years 3 & 4 Led by Miss Jack	NUFC Festival at Trust - Tuesday, 3rd May . Countryside day - Thursday 9th June all day. More info to follow. Theme day - Friday 13th May , more info will be shared on Dojo.

Years 5 & 6 Led by Mr Teasdale

SATS will be held in school, during the morning between the 9 - 12th May. On the 13th May, Year 6 will attend forest school all day and have time to be with friends, cook food, play games and relax after the busy week. We will support everyone through the week, please remember that SATS only tests English and maths. **They do not assess everything that makes each of our pupils special and unique. We are so proud of everything our pupils have achieved and they are all amazing!**

9th May 2022

SATS SPAG Paper 1: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (45 minutes)

SATS SPAG Paper 2: Spelling (20 minutes)

10th May 2022

SATS Reading Paper 1 (60 minutes).

11th May 2022

SATS Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes)

SATS Maths Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes).

12th May 2022

SATS Maths Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes).





Years 5 & 6

Residential Reminder:
Monday 11th July - Wednesday 13th July.

Residential parent's information evening: **24th May 3 - 4pm.**
A chance to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the residential, accommodation, activities and meals.

Years 5 & 6 will be going to the Trust on **6th & 7th June** for DT and cookery sessions.

After School Club for JASS -
Thursdays 3pm - 4pm Starting on the 19th May 2022.

After School Clubs

Tuesday: Y1 lego club from 3 - 4pm

Wednesday : Cricket for Years 5 & 6 from 3 - 4pm

Wednesday: NUFC Multi-skills for Years 1 & 2 from 3 - 4pm

NUFC Foundation

The NUFC Foundation will deliver activities in school from 10.00am - 3.00pm during half term on Monday, 30th May, Tuesday 31st May & Wednesday 1st June.

Places are restricted to a maximum of 16 children so 8 children from KS1 and 8 children from KS2. Places will be allocated on a first come basis. **Please book your child's place with Mrs Gibson.**

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Community Events

Warkworth Cricket Club:

Junior Coaching sessions for the 2022 season start on 29th April at 6pm for players in school years 3 - 8. Everyone is welcome.

Ladies cricket coaching also starts on Friday, 29th April at 6.30pm. New players are always welcome.

For more information contact

richard@warkworthcc.co.uk

Druridge Bay 10k and Junior Run 2022: Sunday 29th May.

Once again this year we are holding the 2K run for juniors aged 5 to 16 years.

All participants will receive their very own 'Druridge Bay Junior' medal!

Registration is online at –

https://www.sientries.co.uk/list.php?event_id=8914

Places available for the **Great North Run** if any of your teachers, parents or governors are up for a challenge!

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hospicecarenorthnorthumberland/586212>

Junior Cricket at Alnwick Cricket Club

For more information contact:

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