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Dear Parents

Here I am writing my last letter of the year; where has the time gone! Every year seems to pass more quickly. It is now time to say thank you, and to some, farewell.

Firstly, thank you for your continued support as we have transitioned back to normality after two years of disruption. Next year, I am looking forward to building on our successes and further developing our curriculum offer. The introduction of Forest School this year has been a great success and a firm favourite with the children. We will be reintroducing OPAL in September.

Thank you to all staff for your commitment to the children of Northburn and for going over and above to ensure they have a great learning experience in their primary years. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who responded to my questionnaire about holding parent information sessions next year. There is sufficient interest to hold sessions on reading, calculations and keeping children safe on line. Times and dates will be confirmed next term.

In September, staff will hold welcome transition sessions for children who are new to a Phase. It is clear from those who responded to the questionnaire that a 5pm meeting would be the most convenient. Staff will go through phase routines. The meetings will take place in the school hall.

New to KS1 (parents of children new to KS1 in classes 4, 5 & 6) meeting 5pm Thursday 8th September

New to Lower Key Stage 2 (parents of children new to LKS2 in classes 7, 8 & 9) meeting 5pm Wednesday 7th September

New to Upper Key Stage 2 (parents of children in classes 10 & 11) meeting 5pm Tuesday 6th September

Drop in sessions for parents will also be reintroduced next year. Information can also be found on our website. Our updated Blue books and Planners can be found on our website.

It has been lovely to be able to welcome you all into school for our summer events. We have been extremely lucky and have had sunshine when it matters (except for the Year 6 picnic). Sports days and activity days were a great success; the children seemed to really enjoy themselves. We have just received notification that we have again been awarded the Platinum Sports' Award for our commitment and engagement in the School Games for 2021/22. A fantastic achievement.

The children in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 will receive their School Challenge Award badges in assembly.



Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. £662.00 was raised at the summer fair (organised by the P.T.A). Again, I would like to acknowledge and pass on my gratitude to the

P.T.A for the phenomenal work they do to raise the money, which allows us to enrich the curriculum.

Sadly, Mrs Sandie Burt and Mr Andrew Hall are retiring. The school has benefitted enormously from their expertise. Both have worked at the school and their children (now grown up) have attended as pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their collective years of dedication to our Northburn community and wish them both well-deserved relaxing days ahead.

I would also like to thank Miss Natalie Young for covering Mrs Rachael Waters' maternity leave. It has been a pleasure to work with you and the team will miss you. Best wishes in your new post. Welcome back to Mrs Rachael Waters!

I would also like to wish our Year 6 children all the best. I look forward to hearing about their future achievements. I will be visiting them in the autumn term to see how they have settled into secondary school. You are truly a talented group of individuals.

Please see link below for free holiday activities in Cramlington during the summer holiday:

<https://www.cramlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk/8887-2/>

I have also attached a letter from Northumberland County Council explaining our ongoing participation with the police in Operation Encompass.

What your child will need on their first day back

- Your child will need to be in their school uniform- all named please. (They do not need to wear a PE kit or bring one into school in case it is PE).
- A named water bottle (not glass).
- A packed lunch unless they are having a school dinner.
- A reading folder Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- A reading folder or small bag (not designer or with a label) - Year3, 4, 5 & 6.
- A smile.

When your child returns in September, you will be notified of your child's PE day and if they are timetabled to have Forest School (a Forest School timetable is available on the website).

Finally, have a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday the 6th September 2022.

*Best wishes
Clare Scott*