

# NORTHBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We have reached the end of the school year and I now write my last update letter. However, if there are any changes to government guidelines over the summer break that require me to change my plans for September, I will reinstate my updates and write to you all. What a year it has been!

Staff have been busy developing curriculum plans for September. The lessons planned will support your child in catching up on any missed learning, help them to make a smooth transition back to full time school and adjust to new systems. They have also developed home learning plans and resources that are aligned to 'in school' plans. This ensures that we can support your child if there is a local lockdown or in the event that a group in school are required to self-isolate at home.

It is time to say some goodbyes. I would like to wish all our children in year 6 best wishes as they begin their new adventure at secondary school. On Thursday, they were able to enjoy a fabulous day of celebration where staff ensured that this important milestone was suitably recognised.

Ms Gill Smith leaves us to take up a new post as lead of the Schools Sports Partnership for Cramlington and Seaton Valley. Over the last year, she taught P.E to children in Key Stage 2 who benefitted greatly from her experience and expertise. I wish her well in her new role. I know she will be fantastic and am thrilled that we will be continue to be able to work with her. Mr Tony Dowson, a qualified teacher of P.E and sports coach, will be joining us in September. As well as teaching in Key Stage 2, he will offer after school and lunchtime sports clubs to children in Y1-Y6.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you. Thank you to **all** in our school community who have worked to support me in navigating us through these very challenging times. I know many have taken on new roles and multiple jobs as required, as well as managing their own family circumstances. I am immensely grateful for their dedication.

Of course, my job would not have been possible without your help, messages of support, feedback and suggestions. I know that many of you have had many months juggling work, home and schooling commitments and that it has been very difficult. I hope that you will now be able to enjoy a break and hand the teaching back to us!

I am very excited about welcoming you all back on **Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**.

Many thanks,

Clare Scott