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Dear Parents,

We have had a busy term with trips out and visitors to school.

Early Years have enjoyed welcoming many visitors into their classrooms this half term. The Nursery children loved the visit from the Tynemouth Sea Rescue and the police, whilst Reception enjoyed hearing about what it was like to grow up in the past from our visiting grandparents. The children in Reception and Nursery have been learning about all the people in the community who help us. I was lucky enough to be invited to join our children in Reception on their trip to Cramlington Library. Whilst they were out, Nursery took advantage of their empty classrooms for some early transition activities.

The children in Reception absolutely love the sessions they have with their Year 5 reading buddies as do the Year 5 children!

Hopefully, the weather will improve so that the EYFS outdoor areas can be developed. I know that the team need some resources and are hoping for some donations of compost, plants, seeds, artificial grass and flowers or time. Please see a member of the Early Years team if you think you could help. I know that they would be very grateful.

KS1 have thoroughly enjoyed their outdoor learning at forest school. They have made wooden necklaces, birdseed, created their own nature art pictures, as well as den building and making their own flatbreads which they enjoyed eating by the fire.

UKS2 recently participated in the Step into the NHS day. The focus was on discovering all of the different career opportunities within the NHS and the impact that different jobs can have on people. Highlights included hearing people talk about their real-life jobs such as a clinical scientist and a children's physiotherapist.

UKS2 responded well to sessions delivered by Northumbria Police about staying safe on social media. We looked at age restrictions on apps, what is safe to share and digital footprints.

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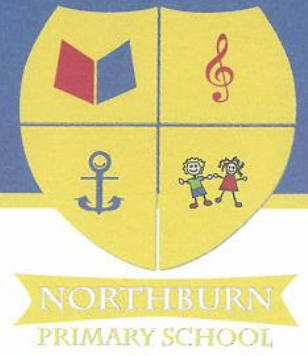
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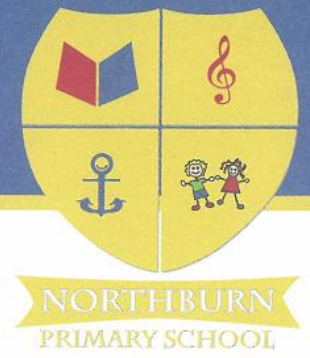
Throughout school, children participate in Lego League. Using Lego kits, children develop coding skills, project management and associated team skills. This term the children have explored how people can take part in the arts and share what they love to do with others. They have learnt about the different places people go to too be entertained and have used the STEAM Park kits and Master Piece discover sets to build stages and props used at concerts, theatres and museums. They have thought about the people behind the scenes who help make things happen and considered what an audience might need so that they enjoy the performance. They have tested and improved their designs and creations and shared their ideas with their peers.

All of Year 5 were invited to compete in the challenge division of LEGO league at the Village Hotel on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Our teams of experts presented an arts- related energy problem and solution to a panel of adults. They presented their innovative robots, competed at the games table with their coded robots and behaved impeccably, constantly demonstrating the LEGO core values.

## **Sporting News**

During the Spring term, three teams have represented the school in different sporting areas. In football, our Year 6 teams have had a very successful season, so far. The Year 6 boys' team has represented the school in the Cramlington and Seaton Valley 7 a-side and 9 a-side leagues. They are unbeaten in all games so far and sit proudly at the top of their leagues. Our girls' team also competed in the Cramlington and Seaton Valley 7 a-side league and are also unbeaten! Both teams have displayed all of our school values in each game. They have demonstrated resilience, ambition, determination and an excellent teamwork ethic. Both teams still have more fixtures to play in the summer term and we wish them continued success.

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Year 5 pupils have spent most of the spring term practising their skipping skills to prepare for a tournament held by Cramlington and Seaton Valley sports partnership. In March, they attended the skipping competition with other Cramlington schools at Concordia Leisure Centre. All pupils represented the school with pride and determination, competing both individually and as teams in a range of skipping events. Team Northburn collected a number of individual and team awards as well as finishing overall runners up! A big well done goes to our skipping team for showing such commitment to the competition, practising every break time to improve their personal and team skills.

### Things going on in the community

<https://www.blythtowncouncil.org.uk/blyth-town-event/easter-family-fun-day>

<https://www.visitnorthumberland.com/explore/seasons/spring/easter>

Please find attached to this newsletter, Easter activities on offer in Northumberland split by locality area.

### Northumberland Family Hubs

Northumberland family Hubs provide support to parents and carers. They are spaces to meet, learn, take part in activities and access help and information. You can find out more information on the link below:

<https://www.familyhubsnorthumberland.co.uk/>

### Uniform reminders

Your child **must not** wear earrings to school. They are allowed to wear plastic retainers. If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, it would be a good idea to book an appointment for the beginning of the summer holidays so that they have healed before we return to school in September 2024.

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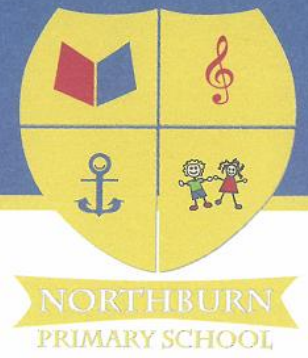
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Please remind your child that their P.E kit should be a pair of plain block joggers and a plain white tee-shirt (without logos). No football kits please.

## **Parking**

Please remember that you can park at the sports centre and walk to school along the cycle path. It only takes about 5 minutes and helps to ease congestion at dropping off and picking up times.

## **Summer weather (hopefully, fingers crossed)**

As we approach the summer term, I am hoping the sun will make an appearance to dry out our very boggy outdoor spaces. Thank you for bearing with us whilst we try and find affordable solutions. I know it must be frustrating when your child comes home covered in mud. If the sun does come out then we will be able to enjoy our outdoor spaces for work and play.

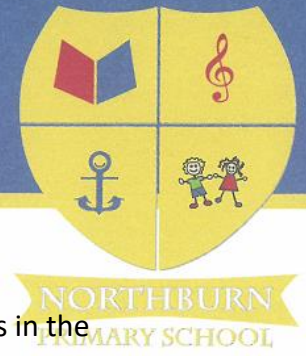
## **Sun protection**

It is a good idea for your child to apply a long-lasting sun cream before they come to school. We also recommend that they wear a named sun hat and remember to bring in a named water bottle to school. Please don't send your child in with an expensive and/or breakable water bottle. It is completely unnecessary and often causes upset when they are lost or broken. We sell plastic water bottles for £1.00. Please ask at the office.

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## Medicines in school

I know a number of children suffer from hay fever and may get more headaches in the summer months. In some cases, school can administer over the counter medication for self-limiting conditions, which do not require any medical advice or treatment. The usual agreement forms would need to be completed as is the case for the administration of prescribed medication.

Any medication must be in its original packaging from the manufacturer and include the name of the medicine and the recommended dosage range. It must be in date and the agreed dosage on the agreement form must match that on the packaging.

If required, we are able to administer Calpol in school. We would always call you to discuss.

Please remember to let us know if your contact details change.

## P.T.A

Thank you very much to all in our PTA for the work that they have done to raise much appreciated funds for the school. The Easter raffle raised an amazing £794.00. Thank you to all who participated.

Well done to all those children who entered our Easter egg competition. They were eggcellent! I know our visiting judges had a very difficult time choosing the winners.

I wish you all a lovely, and hopefully sunny, Easter holiday. Although I will be away supporting another school after Easter, I will be dropping into Northburn regularly to see how everyone is doing and to say hello.

Everyone returns to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

My very best wishes,

Clare Scott

Headteacher