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Dear Parents,

The children in Nursery, Reception classes and Key Stage 1 classes have been practising their Christmas shows. At present, we are being advised not to hold events in school but are looking at recording them so that we can share them with you. If the situation improves, and there is enough time to organise, then we will return to welcoming you into school. I will keep you updated.

Although numbers are still low, we have had a steady stream of children and adults testing positive for Covid-19. Thank you for keeping us informed so that we can continue to monitor the situation. As expected, we have also seen a rise in the usual winter bugs.

We are able to go ahead with our extended day without disruption. If you would like your child to stay, please let us know by completing the FORMS on Teachers2Parents by Friday 19th November.

The turkeys have been ordered for Christmas dinner. We will be sending out a letter on FORMS which will give you the opportunity to book a Christmas dinner for your child/children.

School Admissions for Reception 2022 Reminder

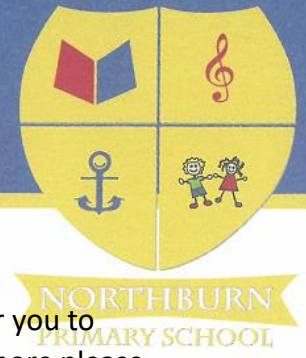
The admissions portal opened on 1st November and closes on 15th January. If your child currently attends our Nursery, you still need to complete an application for a place in Reception September 2022. You can find more information on the Northumberland County Council website:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

Thank you very much for all your donations for the Christmas raffle. Thankfully, they are not being stored in my office so I can't be tempted!

Children in Need Day

Just a reminder that we will be supporting Children in Need Day on Friday 19th November. The theme is, 'Together we can'. The focus is supporting mental health and wellbeing. The children are asked to dress in something that makes them happy and puts a smile on their face. I shall be wearing my favourite comfy jumper and stripy socks! If your child has PE, they can also wear what they want as long as they can still do PE in the outfit they have chosen.



Community School Clothing Scheme

You may have noticed that we have a recycling bin at the entrance to school for you to recycle old school uniform and children's clothes. If you would like to find out more please visit their website:

<https://www.communityschoolclothingscheme.org/>

We also have new recycling bins in the classrooms and we have a renewed focus on recycling in school.

Hope Centre Uniform Bank

We are also fortunate to have a very successful local uniform bank which provides free school uniform and other clothing for children.

<https://www.cramlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk/directory/listing/the-hope-centre-including-cramlington-food-bank>

Northumberland Communities Together

Northumberland Communities Together is an organisation based at the Community Hub in Cramlington. It is leading on a 'Get Ready for Winter' package of support. If you are worried about staying warm, winter bills, feeling lonely or struggling with family pressures then you can get in touch with them via phone, email or by dropping into the Hub. Phone 01670 620015 (9am – 6pm, 7 days a week) or email:

communitiestogether@northumberland.gov.uk

Drop off and pick up times

If your child walks to school alone, please remind them not to arrive too early. The playground is not staffed and we are unable to supervise children at this time. Please note, if you need to drop your child off early, they can attend our breakfast club. You can book a place on Teachers2Parents. Mrs Davison has attached instructions with this letter.

We encourage children to walk, scooter or cycle to school. Please remind them to disembark as they enter the school grounds.

Now that we do not have staggered start and finish times, the playground is much busier. To keep everyone safe, we ask that children do not play ball games in the yard at busy drop off and pick up times. There is not enough space at this time. However, children are allowed to play ball games at break times.

I am aware that it can be quite congested at the end of the day. On days when children are doing PE lessons, the gates cannot be opened until just after 3pm, when their lesson finishes.

Thank you all for your continued support,

Clare Scott