

# NORTHBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

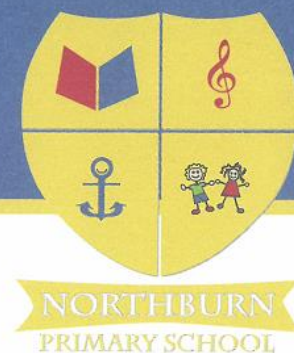
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Dear Parents

It has been lovely to see all the children settling back into school, enjoying their lessons and catching up with friends. Welcome to all the children who have joined us in Nursery and Reception and to those who have joined other year groups throughout school. Welcome also to all our new families. There is a lovely busy buzz around school.

## **Where can I find more information about school?**

I hope that everyone is getting used to new routines and timetables. Recently, we have updated our website (<http://www.northburn.northumberland.sch.uk/web>). We hope that you find it a useful source of information.

Children in Reception, Key Stage 1 (Classes 4, 5 and 6) and Lower Key Stage 2 (Classes 7, 8 and 9) have got Blue Books where you can find more information about routines, logins etc. The children in Year 5 and 6, have a Planner to help them organise their learning. They also include additional information to support learning. Digital copies can be found on our website.

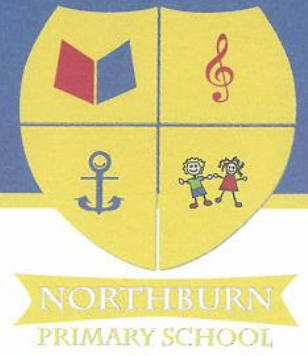
If you need to contact the office, you can call 01670 739111 or email [admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk)

A reminder that our SENCO (Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator) is Miss Lucy Dawson and she can be contacted via: [admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk)

Emails will be forwarded to her.

## **Curriculum**

Curriculum plans for 22-23 will be available on the school website. We have had some technical difficulties which has meant that it taking time to upload them. Our school curriculum is enriched by our School Challenge Award, Forest School and OPAL. You can find out more about these initiatives in Blue Books/ Planners and on the website. There has been much planning behind the scenes to reinstate OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning). I know Mrs Harrison has been very busy training staff and organising timetables and resources.



## **Footwear for OPAL at lunchtimes**

If your child is in KS1, LKS2 or UKS2 (Classes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13) and they wish to participate in OPAL activities on the grassed areas we ask that they bring an **old pair of boots, shoes, wellies or trainers to change into at lunchtime play time. Please can the footwear and carrier bag be named and your child can hang them on their pegs.** This is to save their new school shoes and our carpets! If your child doesn't have anything they can use please let us know.

## **Behaviour for Learning**

We have just reviewed our policy which you can find on our website. Thank you to those parents who provided us with feedback. The behaviour of our children is often commented upon by visitors. They are extremely polite and caring towards each other. They live our school values to be: ambitious, resilient, inquisitive and respectful.

Children need to learn how to behave appropriately in the same way that they learn to read, write and add. We support children in their development, at all stages, by helping them to learn to recognise their emotions and regulate their behaviour appropriately. Children learn to reflect on their mood and behaviour using the *Zones of Regulation*. This is explained more fully on our website:

[http://www.northburn.northumberland.sch.uk/web/zones\\_of\\_regulation/611405](http://www.northburn.northumberland.sch.uk/web/zones_of_regulation/611405)

## **Illness and absence**

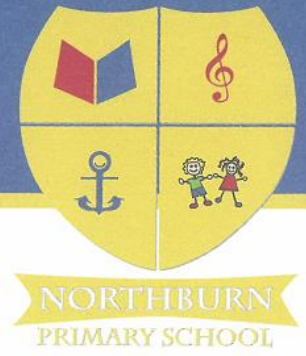
The guidance that has been in place since April 2022 remains. If your child catches Covid-19, then they need to stay away from school for 3 full days. They can return to school after 3 days if they are well enough and do not have a temperature.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, then they will need to be off school for 48hrs after they have stopped being sick and do not have diarrhoea.

Please contact the school office to let us know that your child won't be in school.

## **Food in school**

**Please, no nuts in school either in packed lunches or as a snack - this is to protect children in school who have nut allergies.**



## **Operation Encompass and Operation Endeavour**

Northburn continues to be part of the Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police initiative to ensure effective communication between agencies to safeguard children.

School will be notified if the police are called to a domestic abuse incident so that they communicate, if it is appropriate, with relevant agencies e.g. social services and support children when they are in school. This initiative is referred to as Operation Encompass.

Similarly, the school will be notified if a child is missing from home. This initiative is referred to as Operation Endeavour.

## **School Admissions for Year 7 and Reception (2023)**

If your child is due to start Reception or Year 7 in September 2023, you can now make an application. The portal for those applying for a **Year 7** place opened on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September and closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. Confirmation of offer of a place will be sent to parents by the Local Authority on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

If your child is in Nursery, and is due to join a **Reception class** in September 2023, the portal will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and close on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. Confirmation of the offer of a place will be on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## **Events planned**

It is going to be a busy term with lots of events planned. The P.T.A are organising their annual obstacle event which the children thoroughly enjoy. Year 5 are looking forward to Bikeability and excitement is growing in Year 6 as it's not long until their residential trip to Hawkhirst.

I have attached a list of confirmed dates for your diary.

## **Start and finish times**

I have reviewed start and finish times in an effort to build in more flexibility for parents with children in different phases. I have extended the period of time doors will be open and extended the school day for some so that pick up should be easier. Start and finish times for Nursery children have not been changed.

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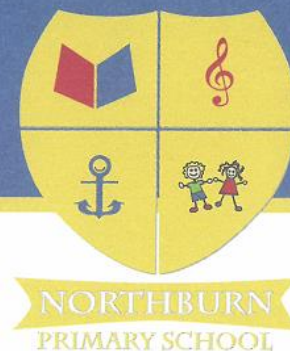
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Phase	Time doors open in the morning am	Time doors close in the morning am	Finish time pm
Reception	8.45	8.55	3.10
KS1 (classes 4,5,6)	8.45	8.55	3.15
LKS2 (classes 7,8,9)	8.40	8.50	3.15
UKS2 (classes 10,11,12,13)	8.40	8.50	3.15

Many thanks for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Clare Scott'.

Clare Scott

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## Dates for your Diary

These can also be found on the school diary on our website. More information about each event will follow.

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 22</b>	Year 6 Hawkhirst Residential
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 22</b>	Year 5 Bikeability
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 22</b>	Parent consultations
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 22</b>	PTA Obstacle Course (whole school)
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 22</b>	School Photograph Day
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 22</b>	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 22</b>	School closed for half term holiday
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 22</b>	Return to school
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 22</b>	PTA Halloween disco
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 22</b>	Flu vaccinations - Reception – Year 6
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 22</b>	Extended school day/parent shopping day/cinema evening for children until 5pm
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 22</b>	Carols at St Nicholas' Church 7pm
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 22</b>	Christmas dinner/Christmas Jumper Day and PTA bauble day
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 22</b>	Nursery Carols am and pm
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 22</b>	Reception Nativity
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 22</b>	KS1 (Classes 4, 5, 6) Christmas Crafts
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 22</b>	EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Christmas party Day
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 22</b>	KS1 (Classes 4, 5, 6) Christmas party
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 22</b>	LKS2 (Classes 7, 8, 9) Christmas party
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 22</b>	UKS2 (Classes 10, 11, 12, 13) Christmas party
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 22</b>	Teacher Training Day- school closed to pupils
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 22- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 23</b>	<b>Christmas holidays</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 23</b>	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 23</b>	<b>Return to school</b>

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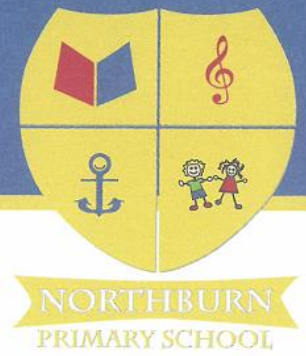
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