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Dear Parents,

Another week has flown by and it is time for my update.

Updates from the Department for Education (DfE).

Staff in primary, school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools are being offered the opportunity to take part in regular asymptomatic testing. We are waiting delivery of our tests.

Updates from Northumberland County Council (NCC)

The Local Authority School Improvement Team have updated their resources aimed at supporting children learning at home. They have asked that I share the links with you. Your child may like to have a go at some of the activities but please remember there is no expectation by school that they do.

Home learning packs for primary aged children.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Document-store/COVID%20resources/New-Home-learning-for-KS1-and-KS2.pdf>

https://nlandeducation.padlet.org/gill_finch2/home

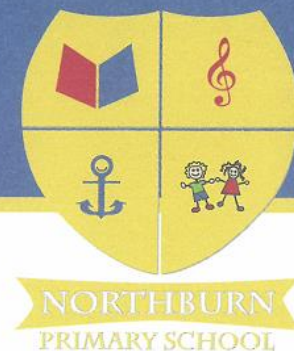
A further padlet, titled **Coronavirus: supporting children and young people**, is available following this link

https://nlandeducation.padlet.org/gill_finch2/SupportForChildrenandFamilies

Launch of new Staywise Education Platform

StayWise is a free learning platform with resources currently aimed at children aged 3 – 11. There are free resources on a range of safety subjects.

<https://staywise.co.uk/>



School Events

We plan to go ahead with telephone parent consultations. We have delayed them by a week and will now take place the week commencing the 8th of February. You will receive an invitation to book an appointment time.

P.T.A

The P.T.A have asked me to remind parents that they have joined Amazon Smile. This means they receive a donation each time you buy something on Amazon. To sign up please follow the instructions below. You can find more information on the [Amazon website here](#).

1. Click [here](#) to link the PTA charity (Friend of Northburn) to your Amazon account.
2. When you want to purchase something on Amazon, go to Smile.Amazon.co.uk and start shopping as normal. It is the same website but you access it in a slightly different way.
3. Create a link to smile. Amazon on your homepage so you use this every time. Android users can link their charity in their app as well.

Easter Raffle

The P.T.A are organising an Easter raffle. The online Christmas raffle was a great success and so the Easter raffle will be organised in the same way. They will be asking for chocolate donations that can be dropped off at school and made into Easter hampers. More information to follow soon.

Thank you to all who have been picking up work packs; it has really helped us out and is very much appreciated.

We have been able to provide some families with a laptop to support remote learning. We still have a couple available. Please let us know if you are struggling and would like to borrow a device.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Clare Scott