



Newsletter



Tuesday 7th September 2021



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 6th	School closed to pupils : Teacher Training Day	
Tuesday 7th September	Return to school : Children can come in PE kit ready for a busy first day back.	
Wednesday 8th September		
Thursday 9th September	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag) ParentPay will be set up for swimming contributions.
Friday 10th September	Reception: Forest Friday	Forest school session - please bring a pair of wellies, tracksuit bottoms and suitable outdoor coat (depending on the weather!) in a carrier bag to get changed into.
Monday 13th September		
Tuesday 14th September	Whole school Reception: Tree-mendous Tuesday	PE (come in PE kit) Forest School session
Wednesday 15th September		
Thursday 16th September	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag) ParentPay will be set up for swimming contributions.
Friday 17th September	Reception: Forest Friday	Forest school session

As we look forward to the new school year we have thought carefully about the ongoing risks linked to COVID-19. Thankfully we are gradually returning to what was once 'normal'. Updated risk assessments and information is available on our school website and procedures will be reviewed regularly throughout this half term.

Our continued aim is to make sure we can enjoy being in school, being busy with our exciting learning, taking part in fun events and being with our friends.



Please contact school as soon as possible if your child is absent – thank you.
For the safety of all children - please inform school directly if there are any changes to your child's home time arrangements – thank you.
If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms you will be asked to get them tested with a PCR test following the latest government guidance.



Reading books

We really, really love reading in our school and aim to read at least 3 times every week at home to get a Golden Ticket on a Friday, then get put in the draw to win a prize.

Reading books need to be brought to school every day – we will change them on Mondays and Fridays (it's okay to read a book again if you finish it during the week)



Swimming Class 2 (Years 3, 4 and 5)

We are super excited to announce the long-awaited return of school swimming lessons!

Class 2 will be going to Wentworth Pool in Hexham on Thursday afternoons in the new academic year.

Our younger children (Reception and Class 1) will go in the spring term (January - April)

Swimming contributions will be accepted using Parentpay (£5 weekly per child)

Our new time slot means we might be a little bit late back to school (5 minutes?) but will try to get dressed as quickly as possible to hurry us up!



Sunny days

*Please send a sun hat and sun cream for sunny play times -
thank you.*

*(A spray or roll-on sun product is easiest for children to apply
themselves)*

Data collection forms :

Please return all pupil data forms to the school office
enabling Mrs Piggford to update our admin systems -
thank you.



Flu immunisation forms - these have been sent
home today on behalf of the NHS.

Our school nurse will be collecting completed forms on
Friday this week (10th September)

It's lovely to have everyone back in school and see smiling faces.
Our new starters have settled very well today and enjoyed being with the rest of school
- it was really odd last year keeping everyone in their 'bubbles'

We welcome Jemma Keech into our school team and hope that she enjoys working with
us.

If you have any questions/queries or concerns please don't hesitate to give us a call -
we're here to help.

What are we doing in our classrooms this week...?

Reception Topic - Where am I? Books of the week- Children's favourite stories.

Personal and Social Development- *Children become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting.* Children get to know their Reception classroom and meet a range of adults in school.

Communication and Language -*Children engage in story time.* Children listen to a range of their favourite stories.

Physical Development - *Children match their physical skills to task and activities in the setting.* An introduction to PE with Mr Ellison.

Literacy- *Write some letters from their name correctly.* Children mark make and write some letters of their name correctly on any activities they complete.

Mathematics-*Children recite number names in order.* Number songs and counting activities.

Understanding the World- *Children explore the natural world around them.* Introduction to Forest Friday.

Expressive Arts and Design - *Children take part in pretend play.* Children take part in a range of role play around the classroom.

Class 1 : English- This week our focus is on getting to know each other and we will be reading the stories 'Only one you' 'We are family' and 'Funnybones'. We will be writing about what makes us special and about our families. We will also be sharing our holiday news and creating holiday snapshots pictures.

Maths- Our topic is place value. Year 1 will be grouping and sorting objects and counting a range of objects. Year 2 will be counting objects up to 100 and use their tens and ones knowledge to partition numbers.

Art- We will be designing and creating fish based on the book 'Only one you' for a class display.

P.S.H.E- We will be using 'The colour monster' story to talk about different emotions that we have and creating our own colour monsters for our classroom calm area. We will also be talking about our class routines and rules.

P.E- We will be doing P.E with Mr Ellison and participating in lots of fun games. We will also be doing cosmic yoga and creating our own obstacle course for our friends to do.

Science- This week we will be focusing on the different senses that we have and we will be going on a listening walk around school and talking about what we can see and feel.

How to help at home- reading books will be given out this week, can you read at least 3 times at home?

Class 2: English - We will be practising our handwriting when writing about our summer holidays. We will then be reading a book called 'The Promise' and planting our own seeds and plants as part of our work with this book.

Maths - We will be learning about place value this week, in particular counting on. Year 3 will be counting on in 50s and 100s, whilst Year 4 will be working with 25s and 1000s. We will also be recapping our times tables that we learnt last year.

PSHE - We will be doing lots of PSHE work this week, including team building games and settling back into our school routine.

PE - Games with Mr Ellison.

Swimming - This week is our first swimming lesson of the year- exciting!