



Newsletter Spring 1 2023

Welcome back and happy new year to you all, wishing you all a happy and healthy 2023. It is lovely to see the children back in school this week excited to share their experiences of what they have been doing over the festive period and eager to be back with their peers, learning in their classrooms. As always at this time of year, it is relatively quiet in school - please familiarise yourself with some reminders below and also some important dates for the term in the attached calendar.

Thank you

Lateness

School starts for all children at 8.45am, classroom doors close at 8.50am with registers closing at 8.50am.

Last half term, there was an increased number of children arriving very late for school - if a child is late more than 30 minutes this is marked as an absence and effects the child's attendance record. If the child becomes a persistent absentee, even through lateness, this will trigger EWO (Education Welfare Officer) involvement.

Reminder, If your child is absent, as per school policy, you must inform the school office either by telephone, voicemail or via email by 9.30am on each day of absence.

PE Uniform

Class PE days may have changed this half-term, please ensure you keep up to date via Class Dojo. Children should come to school on their PE day in PE uniform. As per our [School Uniform Policy](#), this must be a **plain** white t-shirt, black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and plain black trainers. Children can also wear a black hoody (optional) or their school jumper/cardigan.

Parking - Local Residents and Yellow Lines

Please continue to be mindful of our local residents when parking outside school and **remember the yellow lines should not be parked on at any times**. Despite numerous communications and reminders from school, it is disappointing that these issues are still ongoing.

Last term, there were two accidents on these lines - had a child have been crossing between these cars, this would have resulted in a very serious injury.

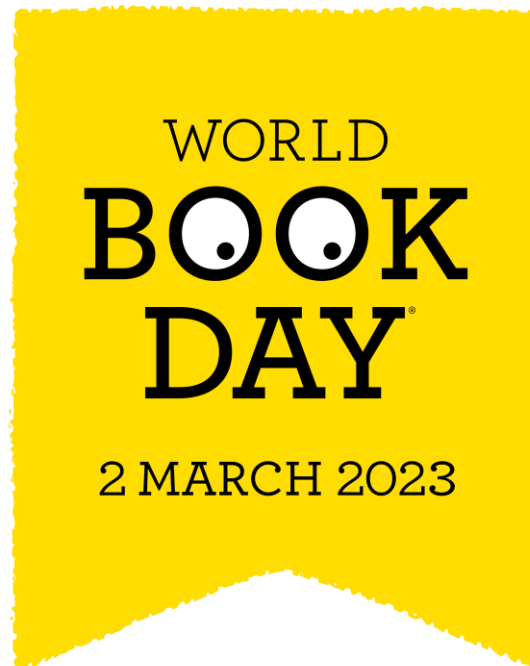
We need to rely on parents/carers to help keep all our children safe outside of our school.



Times Table Rock Stars is an amazing online tool to help children learn and practise their times tables. In Key Stage 2, by the end of Year 4, all children are expected to confidently know all of their tables and sit a Multiplication Tables Check.

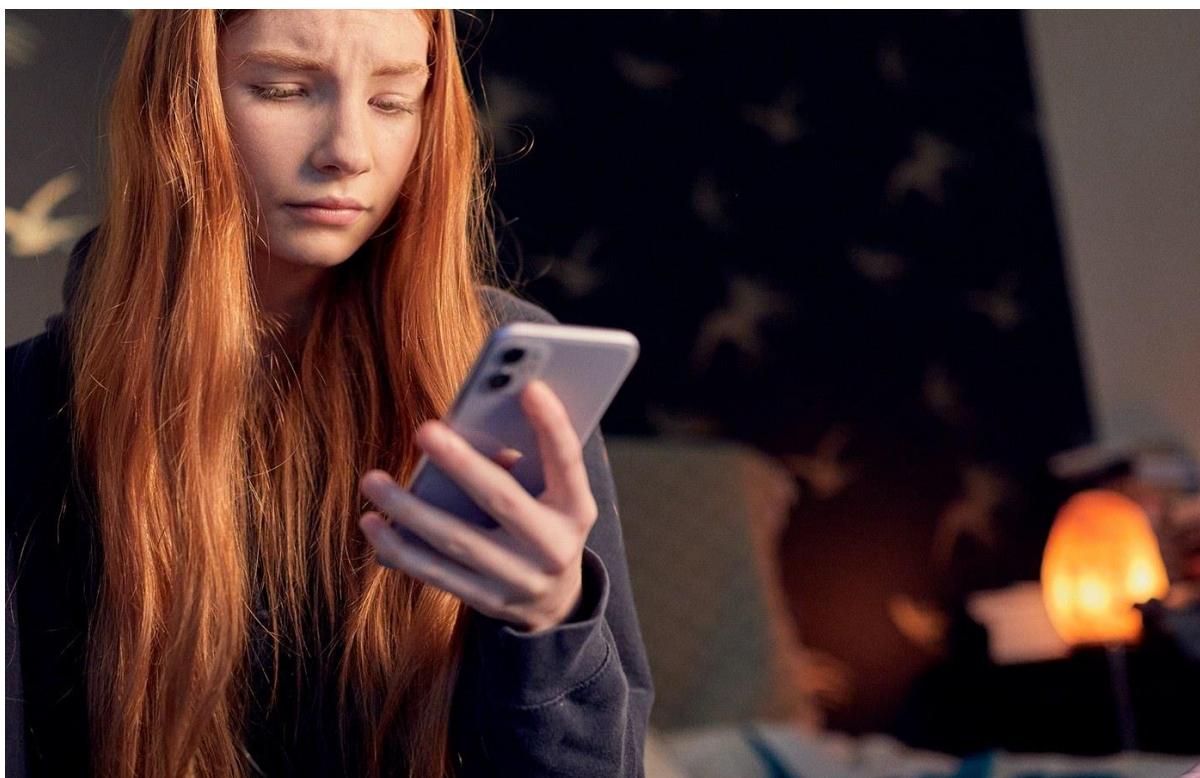
All children in school have an individual account and teachers can track how often children are logging on to their accounts. Children in Key stage 2 should be logging in and spending some time on this each week as part of their weekly homework tasks but it is very disappointing to see that very few children are practising regularly when this is such an important skill for children to have. Knowing their multiplications supports all other areas of the maths curriculum resulting in increased confidence in learning.

Please encourage your child to access and practise these regularly (even as little as 5 minutes a day), it really does make a difference.



We will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. More details will follow later this half term.

Online Safety Guides for Parents



We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online, please follow [this](#) link for online safety guides from the NSPCC.



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is more than just free school meals. The Pupil Premium entitles your child to free school meals (worth over £400 a year) and in addition provides school with crucial funding (up to an additional £1,320 per eligible student). It is essential that, if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium, you apply for free school meals (even if they are an infant who already receives free school meals or if you have no intention of taking up free school meals). This ensures that both your child and others in school are able to benefit from the additional funding the Pupil Premium generates.

Families who qualify for free school meals are also supported with vouchers for food/clothing throughout each school holiday period.

Application form: [Northumberland County Council](#)



Visit the Northumberland County Council website to find out what support is available.

[Northumberland County Council - Support for families](#)

School Calendar for Spring 1 Term 2022

Tuesday 10 th January 2023	Back to school
Friday 13 th January 2023	House winners non-uniform - Fire
Friday 13 th January 2023	Year 6 Forest School
Friday 20 th January 2023	Year 5 Forest School
Friday 27 th January 2023	Year 4 Forest School
Tuesday 31 st January 2023	Year 5 and 6 Antbullying student workshop
Friday 3 rd February 2023	Year 3 Forest School
Monday 6 th February 2023	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 th February 2023	Safer internet day
Friday 10 th February 2023	Year 2 Forest School AM
Friday 10 th February 2023	Year 1 Forest School PM
Monday 13 th February 2023	Assessment week
Monday 13 th February 2023	Year 6 Parents SATs information meeting 2.45pm-3.15pm
Tuesday 14 th February 2023	Valentines parties/Discos
Friday 17 th February 2023	Reception Forest School
Friday 17 th February 2023	Break up for Half-term at 3.15pm
Monday 27 th February 2023	Return to school
28 th February 2023	Book faire
2 nd March 2023	World Book Day
3 rd March 2023	Spring reports to parents
3 rd March 2023	House winner's non-uniform day
Monday 6 th March 2023	Parent's evening
Tuesday 7 th March 2023	Parent's evening
Tuesday 7 th March 2023	Reception vision screening
Wednesday 8 th March 2023	Years 1/2 STEM workshop
Wednesday 8 th March 2023	International Woman's Day
Friday 10 th March 2023 - Friday 17 th March 2023	Science week
Friday 17 th March 2023	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 th March 2023	Easter Egg Competition/ Easter Raffle
Monday 27 th March 2023	Year 5 and 6 Easter craft/ Parent afternoon
Tuesday 28 th March 2023	Nursery and Reception Easter craft/ Parent afternoon
Wednesday 29 th March 2023	Year 1 and 2 Easter craft/ Parent afternoon
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Year 3 and 4 Easter craft/ Parent afternoon
Friday 31 st March 2023	School finishes for Easter break at 3.15pm

- Spring 2 Forest school dates to be confirmed.

TERM DATES 2022/2023

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022	
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 July 2022	Tuesday 6 September 2022
October Mid Term 2022	Friday 21 October 2022	Monday 31 October 2022
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 9 JANUARY 2023	
Christmas/New Year 22/23	Friday 23 December 2022	Tuesday 10 January 2023
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023	
Spring Mid Term 2023	Friday 17 February 2023	Monday 27 February 2023
	Monday 17 APRIL 2023	
Easter 2023	Friday 31 March 2023	Tuesday 18 April 2023
MAY DAY	MONDAY 1 MAY 2023	
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 26 MAY 2023	
Summer Mid Term 2023	Thursday 25 May 2023	Monday 5 June 2023
Summer 2023	Friday 21 July 2023	Monday 4 September 2023

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