

Thought of the Week: "Happiness is like a butterfly; the more you chase it, the more it will elude you, but if you turn your attention to other things it will come and sit softly on your shoulder." Henry David Thoreau

important information

Can I thank everyone for the fabulous first week back we have had? The children have looked really smart in their uniforms and have returned from the summer break ready and eager to continue with their learning. Behaviour in and around school has been of the very highest standard, (I would expect nothing less), attendance has been excellent and it's so lovely to have us all back together again as a community. May I take this opportunity to welcome our new starters who I believe have already settled in really quickly, making new friends and working hard in our wonderful school. I really hope that, even in this short space of time, you are beginning to see what a special place this is. It has been good to talk to parents and carers in the yard at the beginning and end of the school day. Please don't hesitate to come over for a chat and let me know if you have any worries or, of course, if you want to let us know about something you feel is working particularly well. My aim, as well as that of all the staff here, is to ensure that we do everything we can to provide the very best educational provision for your children, at all times. As always, thank you for your support and have a wonderful week.

Coming Up Later This Half Term

Just to let you know that later this half term we are planning a **curriculum afternoon** for parents to come in and talk to their child about some of the things they have been learning about and see how they are getting on. We also aim to have another opportunity for parents to have **lunch with your child**. Keep reading the Station Voice over the next few weeks for more information and dates.

NCC Parking Enforcement Vehicle

Last October I let parents and carers know via *The Station Voice* newsletter about the launch of the Council's new parking enforcement vehicle which was being introduced to deal with parking problems outside our schools. You may however be aware that the vehicle was damaged beyond repair in the December 2015 floods and as such the launch that was planned for January 2016 did not take place. Northumberland County Council (NCC) have advised me that the replacement vehicle is now operational and enforcement is commencing this month. NCC are also pleased to be working in partnership with the Smarter Parker initiative (part of the Schools Go Smarter programme). This initiative is aimed at helping parents understand the benefits of parking responsibly in order to help keep children safe. In the coming weeks our school will receive a supply of leaflets, allowing one for every child, which promotes the initiative aims and the introduction of the enforcement vehicle. The parking enforcement vehicle, which will be monitoring school keep clear restrictions, is easily recognisable. As well as displaying the Council's logo and camera enforcement logos the vehicle has the 'Be a Smarter Parker' branding which is part of the above mentioned Schools Go Smarter initiative. There will be an opportunity in the future for school children, teachers, school governors and parents to look inside the vehicle and learn more about how it will be used to improve road safety outside of schools.

In the meantime can I thank all parents and carers for their support in parking responsibly at the beginning and end of the school day to ensure that all our children can enter and leave school safely.

Medical Information

Please can we ask that if your child has an inhaler, etc in school, if you have not already done so, that you call at the school office to update their information.

Emergency Contact Details

Please can we also ask that if you have changed your telephone number or moved house that you let the school office know as soon as possible so that your child's information details can be updated as soon as possible. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Sutherland, Head Teacher

