

Friday Flyer

Friday 27th November 2020

Head Teacher Update

We hope that you have had a great week. The days continue to get shorter as we head towards the end of November but our children keep shining within school and continue to bring us hope and happiness in these uncertain times.

As a staff we feel very lucky to have a degree of normality in our lives coming to school each day. We hope that you and the children are feeling the emotional benefit of this routine too. We have stringent procedures in place to keep everyone safe within their bubbles and the children are doing very well keeping to the rules, so much so that it has just become normal to them.

The announcement yesterday that Northumberland will remain in tier 3 was disappointing for everyone. It has come as a timely reminder to us that we must follow the guidance both within school and outside of school, maintaining social distancing, hand washing and sanitising regularly. Thank you to everyone for following the rules in and around the site and for wearing face masks for drop off and pick up each day.

Thank you to parents for supervising the children's use of the play park before and after school. A member of staff from the high school is now on duty there each morning and afternoon. Students from the high school have been asked not to use the play park immediately before and after school. This will enable more of the younger children access, however please note that there is a limit of 12 users at any one time.

I hope that everyone has a quiet and uneventful weekend!

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Stay Vigilant

As soon as your child or anyone within the household shows any of the symptoms, please keep your child at home until a negative test has been received.

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

A Polite Uniform Reminder

We have noticed that there have become less children adhering to our uniform policy. This may be because of lockdown restrictions limiting the opportunity to buy replacements and we will be understanding if this is the case.

A reminder that our uniform is;

- Grey trousers or a grey skirt
- A white polo top (navy for Y5/6)
- A jade sweatshirt or jade cardigan
- An optional navy hoody can be worn over the above

For PE;

- Black shorts or joggers for outdoors
- A white t shirt
- PE shoes (black)

Please remember that jewellery is not allowed in school.

Christmas Cards

There has been much debate about whether schools should distribute Christmas cards this year. We have decided that the children can bring their cards in on Friday 4th or Friday 11th December. They will be left over the weekend and they will be distributed in the following week.

Christmas Parties

We will be having modified Christmas parties in the last week of term in our year group bubbles. The children are invited to wear their party clothes to school on their party day. This year we will provide the children with a party snack rather than having food sent in from home.

KS2 will be having a Christmas movie for their party and ask the children to wear pyjamas or comfy clothes.

KS1 and Early Years will have traditional party games and ask the children to wear party clothes.

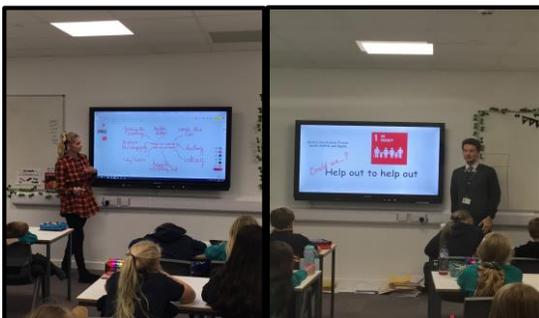


Catch up with Year 5

This term our Global Citizenship Goal is 'Social Justice and Equity', with a particular focus on the causes and effects of poverty.

During the last three weeks of this half term, we will be thinking more carefully about the poverty in the UK and the impact that the global pandemic has had.

This week, Year 5 are launching our 'Help out to help out' initiative. The children shared their ideas about how they could offer to help out at home in return for a small contribution of some essential items to a local homeless charity. Miss Allan and Mr Davison were amazed by the enthusiasm and positivity shown by the children in both classes!



Win a Book Advent Calendar!
24 Christmas themed books, your child
can unwrap one every day leading up
to Christmas Eve!

£1 entry

Please put a £1 coin in a sealed envelope,
with your child's name & class on the
front. The winning envelope will be picked
on Monday 30th November - Best of luck!

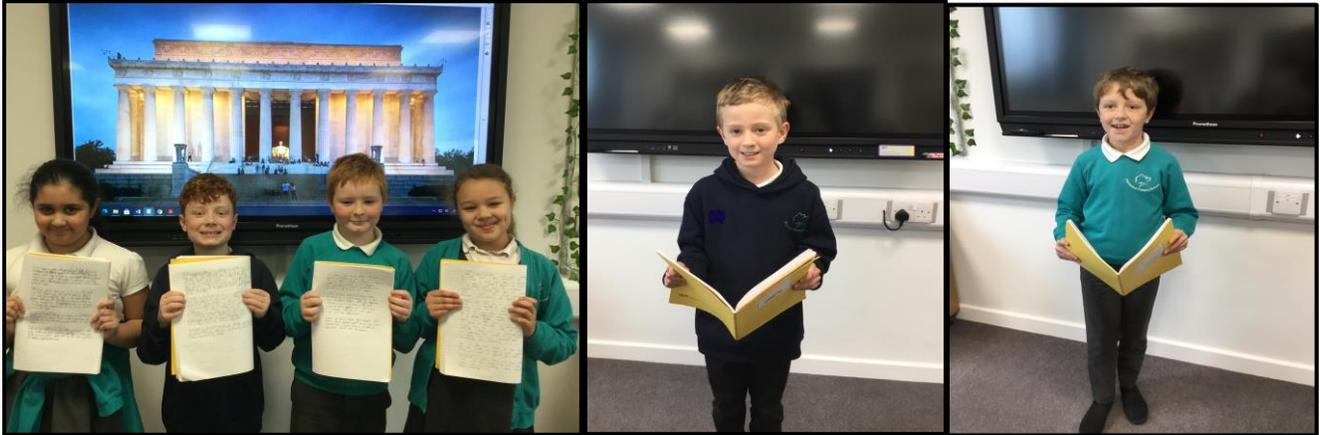
What have Year 3

In science, Year 3 have looked at mirrors and used them to reflect light and explored how mirror reflections change and tried to decode words and messages using mirrors. 3M also looked at the spectrum of colours in light by using a prism.



Year 4

Today, Year 4 have written their own inspirational speeches, using Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech as inspiration. We wanted to share the message about continuing to work together to end discrimination. Here are some of us with our speeches.



Upcoming Dates In Autumn Term

Thursday 3 December	The Littlest Elf performance for Reception, Years 1&2
Wednesday 9 December	Christmas lunch – wear a Christmas jumper
Friday 11 December	National festive jumper day – wear a Christmas jumper and give a donation to Save The Children
Week beginning 14 December	Christmas party week – in year group bubbles
Friday 18 December	End of term – school closes at 1pm

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