New Delaval Primary School Newsletter - October 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many of our parents and carers at our recent parent evenings, I do hope you found the meetings useful and are happy with the progress your child/children is making in school. My staff will be contacting those parents/carers who were unable for any reason to attend an appointment to arrange a convenient time to come along to school and catch up on how your child is progressing.

We have packed a lot into this first half term, there have been trips to Beamish, Newbiggin Maritime Museum, and Eden Camp. Bike Ability sessions have also taken place in school and road safety lessons are taking place in KS1. I know you will agree these opportunities enrich the learning opportunities for our children, thank you for your continued support.

Our Harvest Assemblies also took place last week, I am sure you will agree the performances from the children were fantastic! Thank you also for your wonderful donations. All of the donated tinned produce was collected by the Blyth Foodbank and the fresh produce was very kindly delivered to our local elderly community by Peter & Mary Henderson.

Reminder to Year 6 parents please remember to complete your form for transfer to secondary school, the closing date is 31st October 2019.

Finally, some lovely news Mrs Anderson has had a beautiful baby girl named Elodie, we send all our best wishes to her and Mr Anderson.

Have a wonderful half term and be safe as the darker nights draw in. We have a teacher training day on Monday 4th November so children are back to school on **Tuesday 5th November at 8:45am.**

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A Massive thank you to all our Parents/Carers & Grandparents who attended our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon we raised a magnificent total of £ 276.66



Please note that property is left on school premises at your own risk





For lots more information!
Visit our website: www.newdelavalprimary.sch.uk

(0)	MEND When?	Event	Who?
1	Tuesday 5th November 8:45am	School re-opens	Whole School
	Wednesday 6th November 9:00am & 10:30am	Get Off Stabilisers	Any child in Nursery, Rec & Y1 Parents should accompany
NEW	Friday 8th November	Evacuee Day	Whole School Children can come to schoo dressed as an evacuee
	Friday 8th November 3:00pm-4:00pm	Evacuee Tea Party School Hall	Everyone Welcome!
	Monday 11th November 2019	Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum	Year 4
	Tuesday 12th November 9:00am	BBC Studio Visit	Year 2
	Tuesday 12th November	Odd Sock day wear a pair of odd socks to celebrate individuality and showing how unique everyone is	Whole School
	Friday 15th November	Olympian Visit Children In Need	Whole School
	Thursday 5th December	Flu Immunisations	Reception– Year 6
	Thursday 12th December	Christmas Crafts	1:45pm Whole School (Siblings in Main Hall)
	Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School For a £1:00 donation to NSPCC come to school in a Christmas Jumper
	Monday 16th December Doors open @9:00am	EYFS Christmas Performance	Parents/Carers of Children In EYFS
	Monday 16th December 6:30pm	Panto Performance for Parents	Parents & Carers
~	Tuesday 17th December Doors open @9:00am	KS1 Christmas Performance	Parents/Carers of Children in KS1
	Tuesday 17th December 2:00pm	Panto Performance	Parents and Children of pre-school age
NE)	Tuesday 17th December 6:30pm	Panto Performance	Parents/Carers
\ \	Mednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch	Reception- Y6
	Thursday 19th December	Christmas Party Day	Whole School
	Friday 20th December	School Closes for End of	Whole School



We are supporting the

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Items are now on sale from the school office until

Friday 8th November

Poppies (donation) Items available from 50p

Message from School Office

Please check your children's bag for trip/activity letters. We can only issue one reminder if we do not receive a return slip for your child unfortunately they will be unable to attend the trip/activity

Reporting Your Child Absent From School

If your child is absent from school please ring the school office before 8:45am on **01670 353255**

out of office hours a 24 hour answering machine is in use.

Please note the TEXT messaging service is no longer available

Message from School Office

On our return to school Data collection forms will be sent out. Please check carefully your data form and make any amendments that are necessary. Your form must be returned **EVEN** if there are no amendments made.

Please note for safeguarding purposes we must have 2 valid contacts for each child.



Tips to enjoy trick or treating while staying safe

- . Make sure an adult or carer goes out with you
- Carry a torch and wear reflective or light coloured clothing so you can be seen
- Stay close to home and only visit the houses of people you know
- NEVER enter a strangers home
- Stay on pavements and check carefully before crossing a road
- Do not eat any treats or sweets that have been opened or unwrapped



 Make sure your costume is warm it is almost November!



We have been made aware of a number of near misses involving children running onto the nearby roads in front cars.

When arriving and leaving school premises please be aware of traffic and make sure your children are supervised

Administering Medication

At New Delaval Primary School, we follow strict procedures (in accordance with DfE guidelines) to ensure the health and safety of everyone in our community. If any child has a long term medical condition (including allergies) then we ask parents/carers to complete a healthcare plan.

To ensure these are kept as up-to-date as possible we will be asking families of children with known needs to complete new forms. If your child does not already have a Healthcare Plan and you think they should please contact us as soon as possible.



Fortnite Chapter 2 is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post apocalyptic world.

To play this game the age recommendation is 13+ due to 'mild violence'.

What are the Concerns?

- Communication between players: a chat function allows players to talk to each other over a headset and microphone, or using messaging. Children could use it to speak to strangers, or could put them at risk of cyberbullying.
- Addictive nature of the game: anecdotal stories of children staying up all night to play or falling asleep in lessons after playing too long.

What safety options are available to parents?

Please access the following links;

www.nationalonlinesafety.com www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls

Can we please request that children do not bring into school Fortnite merchandise/backpacks. We understand that these are expensive items but would suggest that they are used for activities outside of school.



- TikTok requires users to be at least 13 years old to access its platform
- Ensure that settings are set to 'private' so only people whom you and your child know can contact and view their videos.
- Turn off the location service in the app. Monitor your child's account and ensure that they are following accounts that you think are appropriate for their age group.
- Let your child know that you as a parent have TikTok and will be keeping an eye on their account.
- Remember that any social media platform can be a source of cyberbullying and a ground for sexual predators. TikTok, like
 any other app, can present such dangers to your child. Always monitor their account and speak to them regularly about
 what they do or read online.