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Weekly Information / Reminder Email - Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I have collated some information / reminders below.

National Online Safety

Please find attached the latest 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide for parents and schools.

These weekly guides are also available on our website [click here](#)

PTA Christmas Jolly - Friday 12th December

Please find Christmas Jolly information from the PTA
(spare jars are available from the school office)



School Meals

The children really seem to be enjoying the new school lunches. We've had some lovely comments and have noticed a significant uptake in meals so far this week. Well done Sarah!

Christmas Lunch Thursday 11th December

On Thursday 11th December, Sarah will be preparing a delicious Christmas lunch. As always we encourage all of the children and staff to join us for this festive treat but understand that some children will prefer to bring their own packed lunch.

We will be offering a traditional turkey dinner (or Quorn roast for vegetarians) with all the trimmings and ice-cream trees for pudding.

The price is the same as a normal lunch - £2.60 for children in preschool and years 3-6. Free to children in reception, Y1 and 2 as they are entitled to government funded universal free school meals.

Preschool children - If your child does not attend preschool on Thursdays they are still very welcome to join us. Unfortunately there is no availability for them to attend the whole session so they would need to arrive at 11.45am and be collected at 12.45pm. We appreciate that this may not be feasible for some families. Please let us know if your child will be coming in for lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 11th December Please don't go out and buy a brand new jumper, it's not good for the planet. Instead, add some tinsel to a t-shirt or jazz up an old jumper. Check out the link below which has some really great ideas for creating your own Christmas jumper. [Sustainable Christmas Jumper](#). It doesn't have to be a jumper, any kind of festive accessory will do!

Santa Dash



As well as Christmas jumper day, on the 11th we will also participate in Santa dash. This is a national activity that we participated in last year. Children can bring Christmassy accessories to wear and we will complete some laps of the yard.

Adverse Weather

Please see letter attached regarding the procedure for school closure in the event of bad weather.

Reporting School Absence

Please report pupil absences by calling 01665 830210 before 9.00am and leaving a message on the answer machine stating the reason for your child's absence.

Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to Northumberland Estates for generously donating our Christmas Tree once again. The Hipsburn elves will be busy decorating it over the next couple of days.

Smartphone Free Childhood

We have been asked to share the following information with families:

Our children are growing up in a world we could never have imagined and sometimes it's hard to know what to do for the best. There's a movement called **Smartphone Free Childhood** that's growing rapidly across the UK, where groups of parents in schools are agreeing to delay smartphones for their children, ideally until at least 14. The idea is that if enough families make this choice together, it takes the pressure off individual kids and parents. It's not about telling anyone what to do—just about creating an option for those of us who want to hold off but worry about our children being left out. There has been significant uptake in the Morpeth and Hexham areas recently. If anyone is interested in delaying giving their child a smartphone and would like to know more please check out their website <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org> where there is a lot of information and resources.

The regional lead Becca Smith was recently on Look North talking about it: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ucGwng2z75w>

Reminders

Music lessons - This is the last week for music lessons this term. Lessons will resume on the first week back after Christmas.

Afterschool / Breakfast Clubs - Clubs will continue until the end of term, apart from Lego which will finish on Friday 12th December

Hansel & Gretel at Alnwick Playhouse 17.12.25 - If you haven't already, please submit the permission form asap (letter attached) <https://forms.gle/YgCe839RiEH2nMN58>

Dates for your diary

Fri 5th Dec - Bamburgh Beach Day

Mon 8th and Tues 9th Dec - Hipsburn Christmas Play

Thurs 11th Dec - Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day, Santa Dash

Fri 12th Dec - PTA Christmas Jolly

Week beg 15th Dec - Class Christmas parties (details to follow)

Weds 17th Dec - Alnwick Playhouse Hansel and Gretel

Weds 17th Dec - Y4 last swimming lesson



Fri 19th Dec - Carols around the Christmas Tree 1.30pm Families welcome

Fri 19th Dec - Break up for the Christmas holidays

Tues 6th Jan - School reopens (Mon 5th is a Teacher Training Day)

Signposting

Newcastle University - The Holmes Lectures are designed for children aged 10 to 14 with the intention of fostering an interest in science. [Click here](#) for more information / to book.

HENRY 5-12 years (healthy family growing up) virtual parenting course by Family Hubs that is starting in January 2026.- see attached leaflets

Parenting When Separated- Family Hub - See attached

Kind regards,
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