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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 <u>click her</u>e

Wet / Snowy Weather Clothing

We have seen a change in the weather this week. On wet snowy days please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear, so that they have the opportunity to play outside.

Snow is very exciting for small children and it is a real shame when children are not able to go as they do not have suitable clothing.

It is advisable to send a bag of spare clothes (with extra socks) to school which can be left on your child's peg. Please ensure your child knows what is in the bag so they can independently find and change when appropriate. Please also make sure that the bag has your child's name on it. If your child comes to school in wellies they also need their school shoes to change into once at school and spare socks in their bag. Waterproof trousers and coats are advisable too.

Children in Need 2025

Thank you for supporting this year's theme for Children in Need - "Challenge Yourself to 25!" It is always wonderful to see the children dress up and have fun whilst supporting such an important national charity and this year was amazing! Our donation total currently stands at £185.47

Our Celebration Assembly on Friday truly celebrated the "challenge Yourself to 25." Several of our children spoke at the front and showed the whole school what they had been busy doing in the lead up to Friday. I have a delightful painted pebble on my desk as a memento of this special day. One particular act of kindness was the donation of a brand-new Pudsey Bear soft toy that was given to us by Ralph in Year 6. A big thank you to him. During our Celebration Assembly we put names "in a hat" and Erica (also in Year 6) won the bear. This was a lovely whole school celebration – thank you again for your donations towards this charity and for joining in the spirit of the "Challenge Yourself to 25." Please click here for some photographs of the day.

Handy Parents - please can you help?













You may remember us telling you about the plans for a sensory garden on school grounds. The Sensory Garden team (a group of parent volunteers) have drawn up plans for a calm and peaceful area for the children to enjoy. The area will consist of a circular walkway with low maintenance planting. So far, the team the team have managed to secure a donation of 4 tonnes of hardcore and £750 for an arch and seating

This is where we need your help. Are you able to lay hard landscaping (paving or resin bound gravel - approx $30m^2$)? If so and you are able to spare some time then please contact the school office and I'll put you in touch with the team. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the book fair last week. While purchasing books for your children we also raised £442.71 to buy books for our school library. Thank you all for your support, it is very much appreciated. Mrs O'Reilly

Preschool Stay and Play

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for Stay and Play this afternoon. We were really happy to welcome you and hope that you enjoyed your afternoon in preschool.

School Meals

Next week we will have some exciting news to share with you regarding our school meals provision, so please watch this space.....

Dates for your diary

Fri 21st November - Ford, Etal and Dunstanburgh classes INTO Film Festival Fri 28th November - Ford Beach Day Fri 5th December - Bamburgh Beach Day

Signposting

- Alnmouth Christmas Lights switch on 29th Nov see flyer attached. There are carols and mulled wine for the adults, followed by the switch on by pupils from Hipsburn School, and then a visit from Santa. Everyone is invited.
- Autism Family Drop in see flyer attached

Kind regards,
Amanda Solomon











