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Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for the second half of the autumn term and the run up to Christmas. I hope you have had a lovely break with your children during the half term holiday.

Reception Class Staff Change

I would like to welcome Mrs Brown to the school as the Reception class teacher for the remainder of Mrs Norman's maternity leave. Mrs Brown is a very experienced Early Years' teacher and will be an excellent addition to our team.

Reception Class and Nursery Parents' Evening

Please note that parents' evening for reception class and nursery will not be held on 10th November. We will be re-arranging a date for later in the term and will write to you shortly to confirm this.

World War I



The children have started their latest enrichment topic this morning – learning about the First World War. We have transformed the entrance way into a trench, complete with sand bags, uniforms and even a carrier pigeon! On Wednesday the children will experience a 'World War I Workshop – A Soldiers Tale', and on Thursday Years 1 to 6 will visit Beamish to learn about life during the war. I am sure the children will enjoy learning about such an important part of our history.

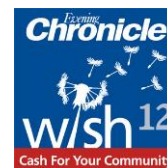
2014 Poppy Appeal

We are selling poppies in school to raise money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The children can buy a poppy from the school office for a small donation. Thank you.



Evening Chronicle Wish Campaign

We are collecting Wish tokens from the Evening Chronicle's Wish Campaign again this year. Four Wish tokens will be printed in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle every day. Bonus tokens will also be printed on various days. All you have to do is cut them out and send them to school. We would be extremely grateful for your support with this collection.



Starting School – Reception Class Admissions 2015/16

The online application system for children starting in Reception Class in September 2015 is now open. Parents should apply at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. **Please note that all parents must apply for a place in Reception class in September, regardless of whether they attend our Nursery or not.** For more information contact the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265 897.

Mobile Phone Numbers

If you have changed your mobile phone number recently, I would be grateful if you could let us know so we can update our text messaging service records.



Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 5 th November	World War I Workshop – A Soldier's Tale
Thursday 6 th November	Years 1 to 6 visit to Beamish Museum
Monday 10 th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12 th November	School Photographer Informal Shots
Friday 21 st November	Year 6 Safety Carousel
Tuesday 8 th December	School Pantomime trip to the Gala Theatre
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Craft Fair
Monday 15 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 1 & 2 Party
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas party
Thursday 18 th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	School closes for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 11 th May 2015	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 11 th May 2015	Year 5 Visit to Robin Hood's Bay
Monday 18 th May 2015	Year 6 Visit to the Ullswater Outdoor Education Centre

Thank you for your support

Andrew Knighton
(Headteacher)