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Dear Parents/Carers,

What changeable weather we are having at the moment- we even had a frost this morning! Most days we do try and get our children outside, rain or shine so please do send them with a coat. As the weather is also starting to get colder, children would benefit from a hat and gloves. We are going to hold our uniform event on Tuesday 15th October (next Tuesday) straight after school, on the main yard. This is a great opportunity to pick up high quality uniform and coats ready for next term. Our children study the impact of waste on the environment and have been very keen to make sure that we recycle as much as possible so we aim to set them a good example by encouraging parents to use this service rather than buy brand new items.

**Primary and Secondary school places**

A reminder that if your child requires a Year 7 place for September 2025, the closing date for applications is 31st October. If your child requires a place in Reception for 2025, application closes on 15th January. Applications are made online

**School changes**

Due to our ever-increasing numbers we are going to need to expand our EYFS provision after half term to give our children more space and to also allow us to better meet the needs of all children across school. In order to do this, it does mean that our children in Year 1 and 2 will be moving classrooms. We will discuss this with the children and they will help us move as part of the transition process to ensure they settle into their new spaces quickly. This means that, after half term, Year 1 children will now come onto the main yard on a morning and access their new classroom through the main blue doors. They will also be collected from this door after school. Year 2 and 3 will continue to use their normal entrance/exit. To ease congestion, children in Year 4 will now be brought out onto the main yard from the Sport’s Yard doors.

**Sickness bugs and childhood illness**

We continue to have lots of bugs circulating at the moment, which is typical of this time of year. Please do remember that children must be absent for 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting before they can return. We do have a number of children returning after 24 hours and they have to be sent home until the 48 hours is over. This is to prevent the spread of germs across more children and trying to protect our vulnerable children and adults we have in school.

**Halloween disco**

We have now allocated all of our places for the school disco. There is no need for a paper ticket (to help the environment), payment is now available on ParentPay. In order for children to attend the disco, payment must be made in advance. At the disco children will receive a hot dog, sweets and a drink. I am sure we will see some fantastic costumes. For children in Reception and KS1, children can bring their costumes to school and we will help them get changed, ready for the disco. Please remember, all children must be collected after the event and cannot walk home alone.

**Y4 swimming**

Y4 children will continue swimming after half term but we are delighted that Spennymoor leisure Centre will reopen and our children will use these new facilities when they return after half term.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch. If there is any information you believe is important to pass on about your child, staff are always available on the school yard, by email or you can make an appointment through the school office.

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher

**Upcoming diary dates**

Thursday 24th October – Halloween disco 3.15pm-4.15pm (R-Y2) 4:30-5:30pm (Y3-6)

Friday 25th October- School breaks up for half term

Monday 4th October - School reopens after half term

Wednesday 6th November- Flu immunisation (Reception- Year 6)

Thursday 7th November – Y5 reflection visit to church (children only)

Week beginning 11th November- SEND parents’ evenings (more details to follow)

Monday 11th November – Reception Stay and Play sessions (more details to follow)

Tuesday 12th November- Nursery Stay and Play sessions (more details to follow)

Week beginning 18th November – Y1-Y6 parents’ evenings (more details to follow)

Friday 15th November- Dress down day for Children In Need

Friday 22nd November – Dress down day- bring chocolate for the Christmas Fair Tombola.

Thursday 5th December- Movie night (3.15pm-5.30pm)

Friday 6th December- Dress down day- bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair Tombola.

Tuesday 10th December – Christmas Nativity

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Nativity

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Fair (3.30pm)

Monday 16th December- Class Christmas parties.

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Service at St Andrews Church (10am, parents welcome)

Friday 20th December- School finishes for Christmas break

Tuesday 7th January 2025- School reopens