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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to everyone who responded to our questionnaire. There were lots of very positive comments as well as valuable suggestions for improvements that we will explore as a leadership team and provide updates on soon.

We had some fantastic news last week regarding our status as an OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) school. We have been awarded a Gold standard following our assessment which reflects the high quality play provision we offer our children. All staff have been involved in supporting the delivery of OPAL however thanks goes especially to Mrs McBeth, who returned to support the assessment, Mrs Wilson, Miss McGuire, Mrs Davis and Miss Evans who lead everything OPAL! You can find out more about OPAL on the school website.

It's lovely to see so many children accessing online resources such as Reading Plus. Pupils in Years 3 to 6 have so far read over 250,000 words combined. It's a great start to the year and some individual pupils have already read over 10,000 words! Thank you for all your support in making sure children are reading regularly, practising spellings and memorising times tables.

Below are some dates for your diary, most of which are on the school website or dojo already but I've also added dates for face-to-face parent/guardian meetings which will be available to book on 13<sup>th</sup> October. If you have recently changed your email address, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Also can you please check your junk/spam messages for your appointment link as we had a few issues last time when the link was not deliver straight to your inbox.

Mr K. Taggart  
Headteacher



## October

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Northumberland Zoo at Kirkley Hall

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Reception to the library

## November

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Carers Appointments between 1pm – 6pm for

Year 6 – Mrs Watson

Year 5 - Miss Glenn

Year 3/4 - Miss Fail

Year 2 – Mrs Watson

Year 1 – Miss Elcoate

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Parent/Carers Appointments between 1pm – 6pm for

Year 6 – Mrs Stavers

Year 5 – Mrs Wilson

Year 3/4 – Mrs Peacock

Year 2 – Miss Schofield

Year 1 – Miss McGuire

Reception – Mrs Armstrong

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Parent/Carers Appointments between 1pm – 6pm for

Year 3/4 – Miss McNally

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November Extra Parent/Carers Appointments between 9am – 10am for

Year 3/4 – Miss McNally

Year 3/4 – Miss Fail

Year 3/4 – Mrs Peacock

## December

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 1 Pantomime (AM only)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Pantomime (AM only)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Reception Nativity 2.30pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Performance 10am

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Performance 2.30pm

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Reception and Year 3/4 Christmas Party (PM)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and Year 5 Christmas Party (PM)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Christingle at St Peter's Church KS1 (AM)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Christmas Party (PM)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Christmas Party (PM)