



Loving, Learning, Living

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've made it!! At the end of this very strange term, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for your ongoing patience and support. As a school community, we successfully navigated our way through the seemingly endless guidance and information to fully reopen in September. Back then, I would not have believed that we would get through until now without having to close any of our bubbles. However, as a result of the commitment of everyone in school and at home, we are here without having had any forced closures and an attendance rate of 98.2% - a great achievement! Most importantly of all we have been able to enjoy loving, learning and living together. Despite the strange new normal, we have been able to ensure that all children have continued with their learning journeys, the culmination of which have been each bubble's AMAZING Christmas productions which by now I hope you have all had the joy of seeing.

As always, I am extremely proud of our school, but this term I have been particularly impressed by the enthusiasm and positivity of the children who have been the motivation to keep us all going, even at those times when things got tough. Our staff may have been forced to work in isolation but everyone has continued to work as a team. I cannot thank everyone enough for their hard work and commitment to each other in support of the children in our school.

Some important last minute messages:

COVID Track and Trace

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school then you should contact the school, as we have been asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. You can do this by emailing iain.long@felton.northumberland.sch.uk

Parent Governor Elections

In the New Year we will be holding Parent Governor Elections for two parent governors, as Ellie Walter's term of office is due to end and we will have a second vacancy as Rachel Murphy is becoming a co-opted governor. So if you think you would like to support our school in this role please feel free to contact school in the new year for an informal chat about the role and what it entails.

Individual Education Plans

If your child is currently supported by an IEP you will receive a reviewed copy of this in the first week after the holidays and there will be an opportunity to agree next steps for your child with their class teacher in the second week of January.

Football and PE with Trident soccer

From Thursday 7th January, it is year 1 and 2 's turn to receive PE sessions in school time from the Trident team. The after school club will restart on Wednesday 13th January for years 5 and 6 and will run between 3 and 4 pm. This will change again in the Summer term to make sure everyone in school has had the opportunity to access both the PE session and club this academic year.

FSFA Christmas Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who donated to school through the online Christmas Fayre and raffles this year. Special thanks goes to the FSFA and in particular, to Jan-Marie Hall whose hard work and ingenuity have allowed us to raise (at last count) the best part of £1,000. A truly amazing feat in the current circumstances. In the new year, your children will all benefit directly from funds raised by the FSFA, as we are able to buy new interactive whiteboards for the classrooms, additional resources to support reading and handwriting and equipment to develop scientific investigation skills in KS2.

And finally..

I hope you all have a restful, healthy and merry Christmas and that we can look forward to a hopeful and happier start to 2021. Remember school reopens on TUESDAY 5th January

Very best wishes to you all,

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