

Dear Parents and Carers,

7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The children have settled quickly back into the school routines following their Christmas holiday. As anticipated, we have Covid absences with both children and staff.



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The new variant is highly infectious and so we need to be extra vigilant at this time.

I sent out guidance on Monday but the government guidance is again changing from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

From Tuesday the following must be adhered to:

- If your child has symptoms, they must have a PCR test.
- If someone in your house, or a close contact, tests positive then all in the household (including children) must take a lateral flow test every day for the following 7 days. Children can only come to school each day if they get a negative test result.
- Anyone who has a positive result on a lateral flow test must isolate for 10 days from the date of the lateral flow test – the first day being Day 0 and so on. **They no longer have to take a PCR test.**

On day 6 and day 7 of isolation a lateral flow test can be taken. They must be taken 24 hours apart. If both tests are negative then isolation can end on day 8 and the child can return to school. If they are not both negative then isolation continues either until they get two consecutive lateral flow tests 24 hours apart **OR** until the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of isolation.

Once your child has completed 10 days isolation then they can return to school unless they continue to have symptoms. At this point they **do not** have to have a negative lateral flow as they are deemed to be no longer infectious.

**It's really important therefore that you ensure you have enough lateral flow tests in the house at all times for the whole family.**

Within school we will continue to endeavour to keep all year groups open. However, if we end up in a situation where we have a significant number of staff off then we may have to move to remote learning. It's therefore important that you ensure that your child can log on to eSchools and that you have a device they can use. If you have not, please let us know as soon as possible.

Other news:

### **School Attendance Officer**

We have appointed a School Attendance Officer to support us with managing attendance. Mrs Sabourn will work with us one day a month. She will be looking at attendance information and focussing particularly on children who are regularly late or absent from school. Mrs Sabourn will contact parents of children for whom she is particularly concerned.

The dates for this term currently are as follows. Don't forget you can find most information on our website too. We will endeavour to keep to these dates but ongoing national concerns may affect this.

Many thanks.  
Kay Hemmings  
Head Teacher



# Dates for your Diary

Please note, we have made some changes to the diary and have some additions.

These are all marked in red.

The biggest change is to Sports Week. For those children from Y2 to Y6 who are interested in the Sponsored Bike Ride, this will now be on the Monday after school and Sports Day will now be on the Tuesday.

We hope to hold all activities as planned but will have to continue to monitor the situation and may have to change plans if necessary.

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Group Photographs for Reception and Y6 only. More information to follow.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Grinton Slideshow for 5T – one parent per child who attended Grinton from Mr Temple’s class can come this morning to view the Slideshow. Sadly we can only manage 1 adult to ensure we maintain safe distances. This will take place in the Upper School Hall at about 9 a.m. If adults can come to between 8:50 and 9 a.m. and line up by the double gates we’ll let you into the school via the side door. Please take a LFT before attending and wear a mask, unless medically exempt.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Grinton Slideshow for 5M – one parent per child who attended Grinton from Mrs Morning’s class can come this morning to view the Slideshow. Sadly we can only manage 1 adult to ensure we maintain safe distances. This will take place in the Upper School Hall at about 9 a.m. If adults can come to between 8:50 and 9 a.m. and line up by the double gates we’ll let you into the school via the side door. Please take a LFT before attending and wear a mask, unless medically exempt.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Tanfield’s Got Talent for Y2 to Y6 (6 p.m.)
14th Feb to 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>ASSESSMENT WEEK for all children</b>
	Attitudes to Learning sheets to be sent out to parents (Y1 through to Y6) Pre-School and Reception to receive an update including voice of child and parent
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Multi Skills Festival
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Gala Theatre booked for Y4 performance – all children to take part. Rehearse in the afternoon and then perform at night. <i>Y4 to be central to this plus our musicians and choir</i>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 and Y6 girls v girls/boys v boys High 5 competition
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Back to school</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Parent Meetings – timing to be confirmed at point of booking</b> <b>These will be done via video call again. We hope that parents are now more familiar with the system and so things will run more smoothly. We are looking to increase the time slot as we appreciate that some parents found this brief, particularly if they did not get on straight away. In addition to a video call, we hope to invite parents in to school either tonight or tomorrow night to see children’s work. If this is possible a day and time slot will be allocated.</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Parent Meetings – as above</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Full Governing Body
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b> (We will <b>not</b> be asking children to dress up as book characters.)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
	We hope to have an Author Visit some time in March – still to be confirmed
Week beg 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Assessment Information to be shared with parents this week (Rec to Y6)
Week beg 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Book Fair in all week</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Y1, Y2 and Y3 to be involved in cricket training</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 Multi Skills Festival
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Egg Decorating</b> Lower School children to bring decorated egg into school today for competition. Upper School children to bring boiled egg and decorating resources to school to decorate egg – If possible we will invite parents to come and work with the upper school children in class on this a.m.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>KS2 Easter Celebration – through music and poetry in St. Margaret’s Church</b> <b>This year we have decided we will have to do this in the same way as we did the Carol Service. Children will walk to the church and back during the afternoon, returning to school for the end of the day. We will record the service and share via YouTube.</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 and Y2 Football Competition
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Break up for Easter Holidays</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y6 SATs WEEK</b> It is very important that you <b>do not</b> book a holiday for this week or for the weeks leading up to it. <b>Requests will not be authorised and absence will impact on your child's attainment.</b>
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Assessment Week for the rest of the school</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 and Y4 Cricket Competition
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Annual Art Exhibition - celebrating the children's art work
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Multi Skills Festival
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>TEACHER TRAINING DAYS – no children in school for these 3 days. This is your chance to book a cheaper holiday before the rest of the schools break up on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.</b>
May Half Term	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Back to school</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Phonics Screening Check – Test Week – All of Y1 children plus those Y2 children who did not reach the required standard last year.</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> June to 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Multiplication Tables Check – Test period for all in Y4</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June <b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</b>	<b>SPORTS WEEK.</b> CnS Active Morning for all children from Y1 to Y6 <b>Sponsored Bike Ride after school for children from Y2 to Y6</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June <b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</b>	<b>SPORTS DAYS for all year groups:</b> <b>9:15 – Years 5 and 6</b> <b>10:15 – Years 1 and 2</b> <b>12:45 – Pre-School (Bumblebees and Caterpillars) and Reception</b> <b>1:30 – Years 3 and 4</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Sports Day for Pre-School (Ladybirds only) – 12:45</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Sleepover for Y6
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Activity Day for Y5 and Y6
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Full Governing Body Meeting
Week beg 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Science Week Catch Up Week
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Monozukuri visit at Nissan for Y6 – 20 children
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Monozukuri visit at Nissan for Y6 – 20 children
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Letters to go out today to all parents re classes for next year
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition day for new Reception children
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Days for Tanfield School
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition lesson for all children at Tanfield
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet the Teacher meeting for all parents – 4:00 p.m. Creche will be available
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Multi Skills Festival
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition afternoon for Reception moving into Y1. We hope to invite parents
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 and Y6 girls v girls/boys v boys Athletics Competition
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Meetings for those who might want to speak to their child's teacher.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Moving on Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Lower School Fun Day and Upper School visit to Craster/Embleton Beach <b>Reports go out to all parents</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y6 Leavers' Meal – 4:15 until 5:45</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y6 Dress Rehearsal to the Upper School and some parents - afternoon</b> <b>Y6 Performance - evening</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y6 Leavers' Assembly for Y6 and their parents</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Last day of term</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Start of new term</b>
<b>Teacher Training Days for 2022-2023. These are the days when the school will be closed to children. Please note that we have only 2 days in May 2023, not the usual 3. The holiday dates for 2022-2023 will be shared with you next week.</b>	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	<b>TEACHER TRAINING DAY</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	<b>TEACHER TRAINING DAY</b>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	<b>TEACHER TRAINING DAY</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	<b>TEACHER TRAINING DAY</b>