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Dear Families,

Over the last week in school, the children have been learning about Remembrance Day and Diwali. Through our virtual assemblies, we have reflected with the children, and written our own school prayer based on the virtue of gratitude. We have been selling poppies, and other merchandise, on behalf of the British Legion, and we are certainly all wearing our poppies with pride today!

We had a visit from Northumbria Police last week, who came in to talk to the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 about staying safe around Bonfire night, and it was lovely to hear the children talking so excitedly about fireworks they had seen, either from their window, or at an organised outdoor display.

### Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

We have recently updated our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, in light of the recent changes to 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021'. Please follow this link to the school website if you would like to read the document.

<http://www.morpethgoosehill.org/web/policies/530744>

There is also information on the website about Operation Encompass, so please click on the 'Keeping Children Safe' section under the Parents tab at the top to view this.

### Polite reminders

- Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with free fruit as their daily snack. School purchases fruit for children in Years 3 and 4, but the children in these year groups are also welcome to bring in their own healthy snack. This can be a **portion of fruit or vegetables**, but nothing else please.
- **Dogs are not allowed on the school site**, whether they are on a lead or carried in someone's arms. Please do not bring your dog onto the site when dropping off or collecting your child. Thank you.

- There has been some dangerous parking occurring in our school car park, with parents parking on the edges of the kerb and in the yellow hatched areas. This is not allowed, as we need to keep those spaces clear in case an emergency vehicle needs to gain access. Thank you.
- It is important that your child has clothes, appropriate for their Forest School session, in school on the day they have that outdoor learning slot. If children are not appropriately dressed then they will not be able to take part, especially now the weather is getting colder and the ground is getting muddier. If you are unsure which day your child has their Forest School time, then please check with their teacher via See-Saw. We want all of the children to take part in every session, as it is so important to their cross curricular learning...and they love it!
- If you have a query about Covid 19 or anything to do with your child's learning, please contact the school office, or your child's teacher via See Saw first, before sharing this in a group chat. Teachers are in class all day, and immediately after school they attend meetings, plan and mark children's work, and prepare for the following day. The staff are fantastic at responding quickly to parents, and in the vast majority of cases, you will get a response on the same day. Taking any queries straight to a shared group chat, before speaking to a child's teacher, can cause undue worry and concern amongst parents, particularly if what is being shared is not accurate or concerns your child only. Thank you for your support with this.

### Christmas Plans

We are finalising the details of our school activities, which will take place in the run up to the Christmas holidays, and a letter will be sent out next week giving parents more information. Obviously, due to the high number of Covid cases in Northumberland and the additional restrictions now in place, some of the traditional Christmas activities will not be able to go ahead.

However, we have been planning some exciting events that we can provide safely, in order to make sure Christmas in school can still be a magical time. More information to come next week!

Thank you for your continued support.

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