



8th October 2021

Newsletter Autumn 5

Dear Families,

Thank you for all of the parents and carers who completed the online survey. I have now closed the responses and am busy collating the results to feed back to you next week, but they are extremely positive. Our school is always evaluating what we do, in order to provide the best possible education to our pupils, and your feedback is always valued.

Harvest Assembly

This year, the children will take part in a special Harvest Assembly on 14th October, with visitors coming in to talk to the children about being thankful for the food available to us. We are unfortunately not able to invite parents in to this, as the Covid restrictions would not enable us to safely seat all of the children, and as many parents, in the hall.

We will be collecting food donations for the Wansbeck Food bank, so if you would like to donate then please send in any items before half term please, and we will transport them across. Items such as tins, packets, toiletries and long life cartons of milk are always gratefully received. Thank you.

Wednesday 13th October - Be Bright Be Seen Day

Mr Lunec sent out a letter giving information about 'Walk to School Month'. Next week will be...

Week 2 - Wednesday 13th October, come to school in the brightest outfit you have! The school council will be awarding prizes for the brightest outfits!



School staggered start and finish times

The leadership team have reviewed the start and finish times for the children in each year group and have decided to keep it as it is for the foreseeable future. In the event of heavy rain or extreme weather, the doors to all classes will open from 8.40am so parents can drop the children straight in when they arrive.

We are aware that the car park is small, and having the staggered times does help reduce congestion and anxiety around finding somewhere safe to park. Our Key Stage 2 cloakroom areas are also very small, and we only have sufficient space for one class at a time to come in safely. 60 children from either Year 3 or Year 4, all entering a small space at once, would create unnecessary risk indoors, so this remains the safest option for everyone.

Polite requests

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please either ring and leave a message on the school answer machine, or email admin@morpethfirst.northumberland.sch.uk. Please don't send a message to your child's teacher on See-Saw about it, as they may not check them until later in the day, by which time the registers have been done.

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day, we need to see proof of the appointment in order to authorise the absence. This can be an appointment card, hospital letter, etc.

If you wish to request leave for your child, then a form needs to be collected from the school office or it can be emailed out to you, and completed. We report our school attendance to the Education Welfare Officer, and we need to have any requests made in writing. Thank you.

Spooky Fun Friday - 22nd October

After the last 2 years of very little fundraising able to happen due to Covid, we are looking to raise funds for our Forest School and outdoor learning spaces, and this will be the first fundraiser to do that.

On Friday 22nd October we will be having some spooky activities in school. Children are invited to bring in a **donation of £2**, and we will provide them with a spooky themed dance session with games, a snack and a drink, entry into various competitions throughout the day with prizes to be won, and they can come dressed in non-uniform...Halloween costumes are very welcome on that day!



Friends of Goosehill (FoG) Meeting

There will be a meeting in school on Wednesday 20th October at 9am for anyone interested in getting involved with our fantastic fundraising group which supports school to buy extra resources and opportunities not otherwise available through school budget. We welcome any new parents to pop along and see how you can help the team.

Parents session about Character Curriculum - **Monday 1st November at 6pm**

This is a chance to find out more information about how we support every child's wider personal development through the teaching of our Character values, the importance of it within our school, and an opportunity to ask any questions. We hope any parents keen to find out more, particularly those who work full time, will be able to come along.

Best wishes,
Nadine Fielding
Head teacher