



7th February 2022

Newsletter Spring 4

Dear Families,

What a busy term we are having!

Last week was Storytelling Week, and the children enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with their class, as well as listening to lots of the staff sharing their favourites. You will be receiving a letter, via your child's teacher, about some exciting reading events happening this term too, so we would love as many people to get involved as possible to build on this enthusiasm for a love of reading!

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

This week we are learning about, and celebrating, Children's Mental Health Week, and the children will be doing activities to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. Our Character Values that we are focussing on at the moment are Ambition and Self Motivation, so these fit well with the theme.

Reminder - Nursery applications

We are currently taking applications for our Nursery for the September 2022 intake. Application forms can be found on the school website, or you can collect one from the school office and return it.

<http://www.morpethgoosehill.org/web/admissions/540338>

We have 39 places available. The options available are;

- 30 hours per week (full time place)
- 15 hours per week (mornings only)

There is no longer the option to take a place for the beginning/ end of the week. If you apply to take the 15 hour part time place, which is every morning for 3 hours, then you can top up with some afternoon sessions if you wish, at a cost of £10 per session.

You will not be able to swap mornings for afternoons, as the 15 hour part time offer available is for mornings only.

Please click here for the terms and conditions.

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Many working families will be eligible for 30 hours of funded childcare, which can be claimed with us. Please click on this link to check if you are eligible.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

The deadline for applications is 28th March and we aim to have the offers of places sent out by 4th April.

If we are full in the September intake, as we were this year, then we will not be able to offer any places in January or April. If you know anyone who has a child who will be 3 by September, then please let them know how to apply. Thank you.

Illnesses in school

Unfortunately, some classes in school have been hit with a sickness bug recently, resulting in children being unwell, and last week we had 3 confirmed cases of scarlet fever reported to us by parents. We keep a record of every absence, and if we need to inform the Public Health team at Northumberland Council about any patterns of illness, or if they reach a trigger point in terms of numbers of cases, then this is done, and advice provided is acted upon immediately.

All of the classrooms are cleaned thoroughly at the end of every day, and are sanitised throughout the school day, including door handles, door frames, stair rails and other touch points. In the event of any sickness being reported, the classrooms are also deep cleaned in addition to their regular, scheduled deep clean.

Children wash and sanitise their hands at regular times during the day, including moving from their classroom to another part of school, arrival into school, before and after lunch, and before they go home.

Goodbye Mrs Hogg

Last week we said goodbye to Mrs Carole Hogg, a teaching assistant working in Reception, and wished her luck in her new job. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Jill Blair to the team in Early Years, who will be working with us on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Kym Willis will now work every day in Reception.



Fundraising total

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to our recent non uniform day, in aid of supporting a local family following a life changing accident in Thailand. We raised just over £500, which will help a huge amount towards the care needed. What a wonderful community we have!



Kind regards,

Nadine Fielding
Head teacher