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🍂 Autumn Newsletter – Celebrating a Wonderful Half Term! 🍂

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting half term, we have so much to celebrate! The children have been working hard, enjoying lots of fantastic learning opportunities and taking part in some wonderful activities. Thank you to our families, staff and PTA for your continued support in making our school such a special place to learn and grow. Here are some of the highlights from the past few weeks!

⭐ Star Awards

A huge well done to all of our Star Award winners! We are incredibly proud of the children who have been recognised for their hard work, positive attitudes, kindness, determination and achievements. It is wonderful to see so many children making great choices, challenging themselves and showing our school values in everything they do. Keep shining, everyone!

📚Reading Plus

This is like a personal gym for your brain, but instead of lifting weights, you are building your reading muscles! It is an online program that helps you become a faster, smarter, and more confident reader. Well done superstars :)

🔢 NumBots

We have also been developing our mathematical skills through NumBots! This engaging programme helps children build confidence with number recognition, counting, addition, subtraction and essential number facts. The more familiar children become with these skills, the more confident they will feel when tackling mathematical challenges in the classroom. Well done to everyone who has been practising and making progress!

📚 Scholastic Book Fair – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Scholastic Book Fair. We are delighted to share that we raised an amazing £675.13, meaning our school will receive £270.05 to spend on new books!

This is a fantastic amount and will help us add even more exciting stories, non-fiction texts and reading adventures to our school book collection. Having access to a wide range of books helps nurture a love of reading, inspires children's imaginations and supports their learning across the curriculum.

Thank you to all the families who came along, browsed the books and made purchases. Your support really does make a difference, and we cannot wait to choose some wonderful new books for our children to enjoy!

🎃 A Fabulous Autumn Week!

What a fantastic Autumn Week we have had! The children enjoyed a wonderful range of seasonal activities, with plenty of opportunities to get creative, work together and have lots of fun.

A very special thank you to our generous PTA for providing the activities and resources that helped make the week so memorable. We would also like to give a huge shout-out to our wonderful teaching assistants (TAs), who worked so hard to organise and run the activities for the children.

The children's excitement, smiles and enthusiasm said it all! We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive school community, and we really appreciate the time, effort and generosity that went into making the week such a success.

Thank you for supporting our PTA and helping to create these special experiences for our children.

🌾 Harvest Festival

It was lovely to welcome parents and families into school for our Harvest Festival. These occasions are such a valuable opportunity to come together as a school community, reflect on the importance of harvest and celebrate the children’s contributions.

The children were wonderful, and it was a pleasure to share this special time with you. Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us and helped make the event so meaningful. We always enjoy opening our doors and sharing these moments with our school families!

❤️ Poppy Appeal

As we approach Remembrance Day, we will continue to have Poppy Appeal merchandise available after half term for families who would like to make a donation.

This is an important opportunity for us to help children understand the significance of remembrance, reflect on the sacrifices made by others and show respect for those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Thank you for your continued support for this worthwhile cause.

🍽️ Our New Winter Menu Starts Monday 2 November 2026!

As the weather gets colder and the days get shorter, we are delighted to welcome the start of our new winter school menu on Monday 2 November 2026, when we return after half term.

There is something especially comforting about a delicious hot meal on a chilly winter's day! A warm school dinner gives children the opportunity to enjoy a nourishing, satisfying meal, helping them refuel after a busy morning of learning and providing energy for the afternoon ahead.

Sitting down together to enjoy a hot meal is also an important part of the school day. It gives children time to relax, socialise with their friends and develop healthy eating habits in a welcoming environment.

We look forward to the children enjoying the new seasonal menu and all the warmth and comfort that a lovely winter lunch can bring. Please take a look at the new menu and remember to check the available options when making meal choices for your child.

🤎 Special Recognition🤎

Jack & Oliver have been spending time in Chestnuts. Mrs Allman would like to give them a special shoutout as they have been so kind, caring and a positive role model to the children in the Base. Well done boys!! 🤎

👋 Farewell to Lara. We have enjoyed having you & Hector at Red Row and wish you well in your new school. 👋

👻 Half-Term Fun in the North East!

Half term is almost here, and if you are looking for some fun activities to keep the children entertained, there are plenty of exciting things happening across the North East!

From spooky Halloween events and pumpkin picking to family-friendly adventures, seasonal trails and creative activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you are planning a big day out or simply looking for a little inspiration, the following link may give you some great ideas:

🎃 Halloween events and activities in the North East:
https://www.northeastfamilyfun.co.uk/2019/09/20-halloween-events-in-north-east.html

Please remember that this is an older guide, so it is worth checking individual venues and event organisers for up-to-date dates, opening times, availability and booking information before setting off.

We hope you find something fun to enjoy together, make some lovely memories and have a wonderful, restful break!

🍁 Have a Wonderful Half Term!

As we close for half term, we would like to thank all our children, families and staff for another busy and rewarding few weeks. We are proud of everything the children have achieved and are grateful for the continued support and encouragement from our wonderful school community.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break, takes the opportunity to rest and recharge, and has lots of fun spending time with family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2 November 2026, ready for another exciting half term of learning, new opportunities and adventures!

Enjoy the holidays, we cannot wait to hear all about what you have been up to!

Happy half term, everyone! 🍂

📣 REMINDERS 📣

⛹️ PE Kit ⛹️

The correct PE kit must be worn. School P.E. Kit includes: White t-shirt, navy shorts/joggers, trainers. This should be kept in a Navy PE bag.

🍽️ School Dinners 🍽️

Please book and pay for your school dinners via the SchoolMoney app. We are in Week 2 next week of the school menu.

🥣 Breakfast Club 🥣

Doors open at 8:15am and close at 8:30am.

Breakfast Club is FREE and no booking is required. If you would like to join our volunteers for Breakfast Club, please message me on Class Dojo. Breakfast Club is very busy and we would really appreciate some extra pairs of hands!

🎲 After School Clubs 🎲

All clubs need to be booked in advance and paid for at the time of booking on SchoolMoney, please.

🧑‍🏫 Contacting Your Child's Teacher 🧑‍🏫

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please either catch them on the yard or send them a message on Dojo. They will respond as soon as they are able to when they are not teaching. Thank you for your understanding and support.

□♡☐ OneCall □♡☐

OneCall is one number you can call for all children's services, safeguarding or adult social care concerns in Northumberland, helping to keep the most vulnerable people safe and well 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you are concerned about a child or young person, please call 01670 536400 or email childrentriage@northumberland.gov.uk.

🤒 Is My Child Well Enough for School? 🤒

We aim for every child to achieve 100% attendance. Where attendance falls below 97%, our attendance procedures will begin, which may include support from the Education Welfare Officer. Parents and carers may find the following NHS guidance helpful when deciding whether their child is well enough to attend school:

NHS – Is my child too ill for school?

If your child is feeling slightly unwell but is otherwise able to participate in normal school activities, appropriate medication may help them attend school comfortably where suitable and used according to the manufacturer's instructions. However, parents should use their own judgement and follow NHS guidance when deciding whether their child is fit to attend.

If your child becomes unwell during the school day, we will contact you immediately.

💸 Easy Fundraising – Friends of Red Row Primary School 💸

We have signed up to Easy Fundraising, which donates money to the Friends of Red Row Primary School when you shop online.

You can sign up here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/redrow1stl

Every little bit helps — thank you for your support!

👔UNIFORM 👔

Please also make sure that every single item of your child's uniform has their name inside it. Staff are not responsible for lost uniform, particularly where items are not clearly named.

🆓 Pupil Premium / Free School Meals 🆓

It is quick and easy to check whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

This is different from Universal Free School Meals, which are available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

If your child is eligible, you may receive support such as subsidised educational visits and free milk. The school will also receive additional funding to help provide resources and support for your child.

To check whether you qualify, please call 0345 600 6400. They can check your eligibility using your National Insurance number.

Please consider applying — it could benefit both your child and the school. Thank you!

📲 Emergency Contacts & Up-to-Date Information

For safeguarding reasons, we need two emergency contact numbers for every child in school.

We also need up-to-date email addresses and home addresses for all parents and carers.

If any of your contact details have changed recently, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

💜 Thank you for your continued support. 💜