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Friday 5th March 2021

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,
As you will all be aware, all pupils are back to school on Monday. The routines are very much the same as were in place in December and we found that these worked well and there will be a welcome back message from your class teacher sent out today. Please make sure if your child in Reception to Year 6 does not come to school by bus they are on school site as soon as the buses have left (8.45 a.m.) and **no later** than 8.50 a.m. as lessons start at this time and the register is taken. Anyone who is later than 8.50a.m. will be marked in the register as late. I have also been asked by Northumberland County Council that if your child uses school transport they follow the rules given by the bus driver in respect of good behaviour on the bus, sanitising hands and wearing face coverings if they are 11 or you have agreed it with the bus driver yourself.

Please remember, we are all here to help support families and if you have any queries or concerns message us on Tapestry, Class Dojo or myself via the school telephone or my email - belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk

Best wishes, stay safe.

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



Early Years drop off on Monday morning.

The EY team are well prepared to help your child feel settled and happy on their return to school on Monday. To help us with this please when you drop your child off if you could do this as quickly as possible at their start time so that staff can get the children in class, settled and starting to learn and have fun as quickly as possible?

If you would like to speak to a member of staff I will be greeting everyone at the school gate and you can speak to me, ask questions etc and I will pass these on to the EY team once everyone is settled and can message or ring you back with answers to queries or an update on how your child has settled if you need it.

Wellbeing Survey.

Thank you to everyone who sent their child's back to school survey. These have been shared with the whole staff team and, alongside all the ways we have kept in touch with you all, they have been really helpful to ensure we are able to continue to support our children as well as possible over the coming weeks and months. On the school news page of the website I have saved another ELSA resource which is a story about returning to school which you may find helpful as well some other wellbeing support.

Whole School Silent Disco.

Please don't forget that on Monday 8th March the children will be taking part in a Silent Disco in their class bubbles and it is a non-uniform day. We are sure they will have lots of fun. Thank you to Amanda Cowell for suggesting this and also very kindly covering the costs and also a big thank you to Mrs Chisholm for completing the tricky task of setting the disco up and getting a playlist started!

Other reminders.

We will be having our very own **World Book Day** on Friday 12th March (dress up or down, its up to you!).

Additional support - A good proportion of children working from home have continued to have some additional input during school closures and the home learning effort has been amazing. However, we will be providing some additional support for some children in school time and a very small number of children after school. You will be informed with a phone call and/ or letter if your child is taking part in something new. After school interventions will start the week beginning 14th March.

Homework - In Early Years Mrs Marsden will guide you to any homework required. In KS 1 and 2 for the first 2 weeks back your class teacher will be asking you to read with your child daily and the homework focus will be mental and physical wellbeing activities which will be provided by your class teacher. Weeks 3-5 expectations will return to reading, english, maths and spellings all of which will be made very clear by your class teacher nearer the time.

Home Learning - Staff have been working hard to create new learning resources If your child needs to be off school to isolate. Learning tasks will be set on Tapestry for EY and for KS 1 and 2 the home learning section of our website will have new 2 week quarantine provision on it by early next week.