



## Allendale Primary School

### Welcome to the new School Year

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for the 2017-18 school year and a warm welcome to our new starters. Just a reminder that children can line up on the playground from 8.45am to begin registration and lessons **at 8.55am.**

Apologies to the Co-op but if anyone is shopping at Tesco in Hexham, please collect the tokens to support our fundraising for the wildlife area. We would like to install a pond, dipping platform and securely fence the area as well as buying some outdoor learning resources.

Y2 and Y3 will be going on their postponed beach day with Mr Hopper on Friday; please note that they will not return to school until 4.30pm.

A few dates for your diary:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September - School film club, (we will be running this each month)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September - NSPCC assembly

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - NSPCC workshop Y5 & Y6

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October - BikeAbility Y5 & Y6

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - SEND Roadshow 5.30pm - 9.00pm in school

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival 2.30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Finish for half term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Health and Wellbeing Week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Curlew Class dance project for 1 week

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Children's Theatre Company performance for the whole school

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity performance 2pm and 6pm

The Year 4 residential to wastewater with Mr Hopper is booked for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and the Year 6 residential to Lockerbie manor is booked for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018.

A paper copy of the medical record will soon be sent home. It is important that we have a record of any conditions or medication your child has. Please send back this form even if it is a nil return. If your child's circumstances change during the year, e.g. they need to have an inhaler in school, please let us know so we can update our records accordingly.

Allstars before and after School Club is again available for any child care needs; £5 for before school plus £1 if breakfast is required and £5 per hour for after school care, plus £1 if a snack is required, reductions are available for siblings. Bookings can be made via school or email [allendaleallstars@hotmail.com](mailto:allendaleallstars@hotmail.com) and they will shortly have a phone number for contact.

Attached are events/ activities for which we require parental permission. We will assume permission is given so please read these and let us know in writing or via email if there are any sections for which you do not give permission.

### **1. Permission to go on school trips and visits.**

Parents are always notified of all trips and visits made using transport. Occasionally individuals, small groups and classes do undertake activities within the village as part of the school curriculum. We adhere to strict County Guidelines and risk assessments when planning any activity outside school.

### **2. Permission for photos to be used on Allendale Primary School website:**

Photos of children are sometimes used on our website or by other organizations who have worked in school. No children are ever named or identified. It is completely your decision whether a photo with your child in it can be used for these purposes.

### **3. Permission for photos to be used on other organisations websites:**

Occasionally we hold activities run by external providers. They sometimes request permission to use photographs on their website; again it is completely your decision whether a photo with your child in it can be used for these purposes.

### **4. Permission for photos to feature in newspapers e.g. Hexham Courant:**

We are also featured in newspapers such as the Hexham Courant. Photographs usually feature a group of children and published in the newspaper, which tend to use the children's names.

### **5. Reception Parents only: permission to feature in New Starters photo:**

The Hexham Courant has an annual supplement which features a photograph of Reception Classes in West Northumberland. No children are named in this feature.

### **6. Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 Permission to attend Swimming Lessons:**

Swimming lessons are held at Hexham Swimming Pool on a Monday. We have to pay for each child's swimming lesson and the cost of transport so we do ask for a contribution towards this.

### **7. Permission to use the internet**

Children use the internet for a variety of purposes in school and it is an important teaching and learning resource. Northumberland LA has filters on the internet to block any inappropriate content and we have to adhere to strict guidelines. We have an annually reviewed ICT Policy, E-safety Policy and Acceptable Use Policy, which are available on the website and in school for parents to read. An Acceptable use agreement will be sent home for children and parents to sign so that you are aware of everyone's responsibilities.