

## Headteacher's Blog October (2) 2020

### **Parent Consultations**

Thank you to everyone who made phone or video appointments. We very much look forward to the time when we can safely have parents and carers back in school.

### **Photographs**

Please can pupils wear school uniform and not PE kit on Wednesday - thanks! We are unable to give pupils spare uniform on the day due to Covid restrictions.

### **Safety**

I am much happier that the 'end of the day' organisation is working more smoothly now and helping to keep everyone safe - thank you! Please let me know if you have any concerns or feedback.

**Bufs:** Northumberland County Council have issued all pupils from Reception with a neck buff. We will send these home with pupils on Wednesday. Please can I ask you to use these at home and not let pupils wear them for school. This is because they are: all identical so could be mixed-up; would need to be washed daily; are not an effective anti-viral face covering; from experience, pupils are distracted by them if they are worn in class. Please enjoy using them at home!

There is an updated Covid-19 risk assessment on the school website.

### **Staffing**

Mrs Dodds will teach Earth Works each day this week (4 days), then following half-term, I will be changing bubbles to work with KS2, including some whole class teaching in Earth Works. Mrs Williams will teach additional hours, in order to facilitate this change. I will miss teaching in our awesome younger group, but it will be easier to carry out some of my SEND and Thrive work where there is greater need in KS2.

Mrs Stapleton is hoping to return to her job-share role on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Half - Term Holiday**

Pupils finish this Thursday, as Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> is a Teacher Training Day. Any homework activities will be set via Tapestry or School360.

Please have a happy, safe holiday!

Kindest regards,

Diane Lakey