



The Times Newsletter

'Where many hearts make a school.'

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WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

This new half term we welcomed two new Head Teachers to our school - Mrs Alison Lazenby as Executive Head Teacher and Mrs Helen Ashton as Head Teacher. Together they will continue the improvements that Jill Hodgson began, in driving the school forward. We will be hosting an event in due course where you will be able to formally meet both Alison and Helen and learn more about their hopes for our school.



COVID-19

We have had a small number of positive cases in Class 3 (Years 5 + 6). This class is now in a bubble, as recommended by Public Health England. We would like to clarify that if your child develops any symptoms: high temperature, continuous cough, loss of taste or smell, then you will need to book a PCR test for your child. If your child has **no symptoms** and is contacted by Track + Trace as a close contact, and they have been advised to take a PCR test, they do not have to isolate so can return to school following their test.

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our thanks to parent, Emma Spry, for kindly taking all of the food donations from our Harvest Festival to The Well in West Auckland. *Thank you Emma!*

CAR PARKING ISSUES

Can we politely remind parents and carers that the school car park is for deliveries and school staff only. Holders of a blue badge do have permission to park in the disabled bay at the top end of the car park.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week (15th-19th Nov), the whole school will be taking part in the national initiative 'Anti-Bullying Week'. On Friday 19th Nov, the children are invited to wear odd socks as a symbol of their support for this year's theme - **One kind word!** The socks can be as jazzy and colourful as they like.

More information for parents and carers, about Anti-Bullying Week, is available at:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

FOOTBALL COACHING CLUB

There are a few places still available at our after-school football coaching club. If your child is interested in attending, please contact the school office.

GYMNASTICS COACHING

There are a handful of places left at our Gymnastics After-School Club (3.00 to 4.15pm). The sessions are run by Michael Connelly, Sports Coach at Barnard Castle Gymnastics. If your child would like a place, please call or text Michael on 07707320473.

VACANCY - LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School seeks to appoint an enthusiastic, caring, friendly and committed person with good communication skills to join our lunchtime team to care for and supervise lunchtime activities for the children during the lunchtime period (1.35 hours per day). First Aid Training is desirable but not essential.

Job to commence on as soon as possible— for further information or an informal chat, please contact Alison Brown, School Business Manager.

Relief Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

We still have a vacant position of Relief Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant required to cover periods of sickness and other unforeseen circumstances.

CHESS CLUB

We have begun a Chess Club during lunchtime which is proving to be so popular we are running out of chess pieces and boards. If you have an unwanted chess set and would like to donate it to our club we would be very grateful.

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WHAT'S ON:

Fri 19th Nov - Anti-Bullying Week, Wear Odd Socks

P.E. DAYS - Autumn Term 2

Mon	Class 2 (Yrs 3/4)
Tues	Nursery
Wed	Reception (Yrs 5/6 swimming)
Thurs	Class 3 (Yrs 5/6)
Fri	Class 2 (Yrs 3/4)

~ ATTENDANCE - FORTNIGHTLY ~

Our school target for attendance is 96.6% and we ask parents to support us by ensuring your child is in school, because if they're in school they're learning.

This fortnight's attendance is: 91.4%

Reception	91.8%
Class 1	94.7%
Class 2	93.6%
Class 3	85.5%