



# The Times Newsletter

'where many hearts make a school'

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## Welcome Back – and Happy New Year to everyone!

I hope that you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas break with your family and friends and are feeling refreshed and excited about the year ahead. I am sure that you will join me in hoping that 2022 will see a return to those normal, everyday aspects of home and school life that we all used to just take for granted!

### ~ ATTENDANCE ~ THIS WEEK

Reception	99.1%
Class 1	97.7%
Class 2	97.5%
Class 3	96.6%

Our attendance target is 96.6%  
**This week's: 97.7%**



We will continue to send out our newsletter from school, fortnightly, and do our very best to keep you updated with everything that is happening here and also information about things that are happening out in our community. Please do make sure you regularly check our school app and class dojo so that you are right up to date – especially for any last minute changes! Newsletters are also posted onto the website and we will keep populating the calendar so that you can plan ahead as much as possible with us.

 **Our stars of the week and awards winners will be shared via our app and class dojo so you can join in celebrating the children's successes every week. We will also share our attendance data with you and will continue to try to improve attendance week on week. Please do support us with this and look out for information updates – every day at school matters!** 



I am delighted to let you know that we have welcomed a new teacher to school – Miss Humpherson will be working in the Y5/6 class alongside Mrs. Churchill until at least half term.



Unfortunately, life is still impacted by Covid-19 and we need to ask you to remain vigilant in keeping an eye out for symptoms with the children. Any new persistent cough, temperature or loss of smell/taste requires self-isolation and a PCR test. Let's keep everyone safe and well and please do inform us here at school if your child has symptoms and you have arranged a test.



On a positive note, it is great to see the children having their photographs taken this morning – and they look so smart in their school uniforms. Thank you for supporting us fully in getting back to our uniform policy. If you are struggling to manage this for any reason, please do contact school to let us know and we will look to support you. More details are on our uniform page on our website. We will continue to reinforce the 'being proud in our uniform' policy with the children on a daily basis.



A parent of one of our Nursery pupils is making the head-lines for undertaking an ambitious and gruelling challenge. Mr Craig Huddart is planning on running 10km every single day in 2022 - and, if that wasn't already tough enough, every seventh day he will be completing a half marathon instead! Craig has taken up this challenge to raise funds for the North East Autism Society. Being a parent of autistic children and after researching what resources and assistance was available in our local area, he wanted to raise funds towards the NEAS whilst raising awareness. If anyone would be interested in supporting Craig and donating, please follow his Facebook page for further information: 81/52/365 - Running for autism



MD Physical Education & Coaching are starting football fun sessions for children aged 3 - 7 years. The sessions will be held in 6-week blocks at Teesdale Leisure Centre, Barnard Castle, with 'Baby Ballers' for 3-4 year olds and 'Mini Ballers' for 5-8 year olds. For further information, telephone: 07581 071692, email: mdpeandcoaching@gmail.com or view their Facebook page: MD PE & Coaching - Baby Ballers