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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a fantastic first two weeks in school. The pupils came back after the summer break full of enthusiasm and ready to learn and have already achieved so much this term.

We would like to welcome our new pupils who have joined us over the summer. They have all settled in very well and we look forward to meeting our new families at school events over the coming weeks and months.

Last week, our pupils took part in a special 'Equality and Diversity' live assembly. 501,310 pupils across the UK took part in the event and it even featured on Newsround!!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The last 2 weeks in school

Early Years and Class 1

All the Early Years children have settled into school so well, we are very proud of them! They have already painted some beautiful self-portraits and watercolour sunflowers to put on display. We have also picked all the apples from the trees in our outdoor area and made a delicious apple crumble. Reception have begun learning the first few set 1 sounds in preparation for learning to read and have made stick people to show who is in their family. Preschool have been focusing on feelings and emotions, they have been learning a new song called 'Lots of feelings' and have been sharing what makes them feel happy, sad, calm or angry. Early Years and Class 4 are now 'Buddies' - the children are super excited about this! They have exchanged bookmarks & letters and have even taken part in joint 'Buddy Yoga' and daily mile together!

Class 2

Class 2 have had a great first two weeks back at school after the summer holidays, it was lovely to hear all about their summer adventures. Since our return, we have started our new topic in Science learning all about animals including humans. In our first lesson, we matched animals to their offspring and in the following lesson identified animals into groups of either laying eggs or live birth. We kicked started our first Art lesson by creating our own self-portraits, these were very impressive. The children thought very

carefully about their features and the colours they wanted to use. In History, we started our 'Brave & Bold' topic by looking at Christopher Columbus. We created our own fact file, learning facts such as when and where he was born, where he wanted to explore and how he got the money for his 3 ships. Finally, in R.E we began our topic of Christianity. In our first lesson, we read the creation story from the Bible, ready to create our own creation story over the next 4 lessons.

Class 3

We've had a fantastic start to the year in Class 3, super busy but fun! We are thrilled with how well the children have settled in, they are all trying their absolute best and showing us how amazing they are! We had our first swimming lesson on Tuesday; Miss McPherson said everyone was so well behaved and did super listening. Last week, we started our new Science topic 'Animals including Humans' and carried out some fun research on the topic. This week, the children drew their favourite meal and then annotated it to show what nutrients they would gain from each food item. In English, we are reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and are thinking of ingredients we would use to make our own interesting medicine. This week, we have written an ingredients list as well as the method to make the medicine, some of the creative ideas we had were 'add a spray of slug slime' and 'add several stinky socks'. Well done Class 3, keep on being stars!

Class 4

We have had a very busy start to the Year in Class 4. We are enjoying our new class text 'Street Child' which tells the story of a young boy living in London in Victorian times. In Maths, we have been looking at place value in numbers up to one million and how to write numbers in numerals and words. After creating self-portraits in week one, we are now looking at our focus artist Roy Lichtenstein and this week, we created our own pop art designs. We are very impressed with how well the class have settled back into school and their enthusiasm for learning. They are fantastic role models for our younger pupils and have already enjoyed some buddy sessions with the pupils in Early Years, taking part in yoga and daily mile sessions with them.

Building Work

During the autumn term, there will be some building work taking place on the school site to replace parts of the roof and the timber-framed windows. These changes will not only improve the appearance of the building but will also help to make the school more energy efficient. School will operate as normal throughout the work; however, it may be that each class will need to relocate for 1-2 days while the new windows are fitted. Health and Safety representatives from Northumberland County Council are attending school before work commences to carry out risk assessments and to talk to the pupils about keeping safe on the school site while the work takes place. We expect the work to commence on 30th September for up to nine weeks.

New Face in School

We welcome Miss Crowell, a student teacher who will be working with Miss McPherson and Mrs Gray in Class 3 until March 2025.

Miss Snowball becomes Mrs Charleton

Miss Snowball and her fiancé Joe got married over the summer and we would like to pass on our congratulations to you both. We are trying really hard to remember to say 'Mrs Charleton' instead of Miss Snowball but it is taking a bit of getting used to!



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Great North Run

Congratulations to all our pupils and parents who took part in the Great North Run events last weekend and well done Miss McPherson who completed the 13.1 miles in 1 hour and 59 minutes, a very impressive time!

After School Clubs

We will be sending out information about after school clubs for the Autumn Term early next week.

Hello Yellow Day

On the 10th of October, Stamfordham will be taking part in the annual 'Hello Yellow' Day. We invite children to come into school wearing something yellow, for a suggested donation of £1. This can be yellow t-shirt/trousers or simply a yellow hairband/yellow socks.

The money raised will go to Young Minds Charity and help young people know they are not alone with their mental health. A Just Giving page has been set up for Stamfordham Primary 'Hello Yellow' Day and this would be our preferred option of donations, however we will accept cash on the day if this is easier.

School Lunches

Week commencing 16th September – Week 3

Week commencing 23rd September – Week 1

Dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:

Monday 16 th September	
Tuesday 17 th September	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 18 th September	PE with Mr Thompson
Thursday 19 th September	Adam Bushnell Author Visit
Friday 20 th September	Music with Mr Radford

Monday 23 rd September	
Tuesday 24 th September	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 25 th September	PE with Mr Thompson
Thursday 26 th September	
Friday 27 th September	Music with Mr Radford

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
Thursday 10 th October	Liz Million illustrator visit
Thursday 10 th October	Hello Yellow Day
w/c 14 th October	Parent's Evenings (more info to follow)
Monday 21 st October at 9.30am	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church
Friday 25 th October	Flu vaccines (Reception – Year 6)
Friday 25 th October	School closes for half term
Monday 4 th November	Teacher Training Day – School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 5 th November	School re-opens
Friday 22 nd November	School Photos (individual and siblings)
Friday 6 th December	Pantomime at the Tyne Theatre (Year 1-6)
Tuesday 10 th December at 2pm	Christmas Performance (Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2)
Wednesday 11 th December	Preschool and Reception pantomime trip
Thursday 12 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 13 th December	Teacher Training Day – School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 17 th December at 2.15pm	Christmas Performance (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Thursday 19 th December	School Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December	School closes for Christmas at 1.15pm