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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer break with your friends and families.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new Reception pupils and to all the new pupils who have joined us across the school. It has been wonderful to see so many happy faces, and we are delighted with how well everyone has settled into their new classes and routines. We are incredibly proud of the children for showing such confidence, kindness and enthusiasm as they begin this new chapter.

As we start the new school year, we are looking forward to all the exciting opportunities, learning and experiences that lie ahead. We know it is going to be a fantastic year filled with new friendships, achievements and plenty of memorable moments. We wish all our pupils a very happy and successful year.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The last 2 weeks in school

Early Years

We are so proud of all the children in Early Years; they have had such a fantastic start to the year! We spent the first few days getting to know each other and exploring all the resources in Early Years and it was lovely to see old friendships being rekindled and new ones developing. We have already started introducing the children to the daily routines, which includes Read, Write Inc and maths lessons. They have also enjoyed their first P.E lessons with Mr Thompson, where they practised moving in different ways, including hopping, skipping and jumping like a kangaroo and in Art we have been drawing our self-portraits which link to our first science topic All about Me.

Class 2

What a fantastic two weeks we have had in Class 2! It has been a real pleasure to see the children settling into their routines, growing in confidence and embracing all the exciting learning opportunities we have shared.

In Art, we have created our very own self-portraits and have also explored the artwork of Piet Mondrian, looking particularly at how he used primary colours to create bold and striking pieces. In History, we have begun our topic, Mighty Monarchs, by learning about three queens from the past. Can the children tell you who they were? Finally, it has been lovely to see such wonderful friendships forming in Class 2. The

children have been showing kindness, care and thoughtfulness towards one another, and it has been a joy to watch them learn, play and grow together. We are so proud of them all!

Class 3

What a fantastic start to the year we have had in Class 3! The children have really hit the ground running and have already produced some excellent work. In English, we have been thoroughly enjoying Roald Dahl's, George's Marvellous Medicine, with some brilliant writing and lots of enthusiasm for the wonderfully wacky story! In Maths, we have also made a flying start, getting stuck into place value and showing some excellent understanding. We have also had our first swimming session, which was a great success—the children were fantastic and really enjoyed getting into the pool. It has been a super start to the year, and we are already so proud of how well everyone has settled in and got stuck into their learning! Keep up the hard work Class 3!

Class 4

Class 4 have had a fantastic first two weeks back at school and have returned full of enthusiasm and ready to learn! We have been particularly impressed with the excellent handwriting and presentation in the pupils' books, which reflects the pride they are taking in their work. We have started our new unit of work based around our core text, *Street Child*, which is set in Victorian England. So far, we have researched what life was like during this era and used our findings to write non-chronological reports. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value and have been exploring numbers all the way up to one million! We have also been learning about the fundamental British Values, exploring each one in detail and creating a fantastic display in our classroom to showcase our learning. We are incredibly proud of the positive start Class 4 have made and hope this enthusiasm, hard work and positive attitude continue throughout the rest of the year.

Staffing

A little celebration to share!

Over the summer holidays, Miss McPherson got married and is now officially Mrs Davison.

Huge congratulations to Emma and Ryan. They had a truly beautiful wedding, and the sun shone for them too.

We wish them both a lifetime of happiness together!



We are delighted to welcome Mr Ridley (classroom support assistant) to the staff team. Mr Ridley will be based mainly in Class 2 but may support other areas of school across the week.

Mrs Heath (school office) will now have her day off on a Friday. Miss Phillipson will be in the office that day to answer any queries through the usual communication channels.

Allergy Information

In 2021, a little boy called Benedict tragically lost his life due to a food allergy. From September, it is now mandatory for all schools in England to implement a consistent, whole-school approach to managing life-threatening allergies. This is known as Benedict's Law.

What we have put in place:

- A whole-school allergy policy which is available on the school website
- We hold adrenaline auto-injector pens for emergency use on any pupil or staff member
- Staff have completed certified allergy training

There is also a new format for Individual Health Care Plans (IHPs) so if your child has an existing plan, we will contact you shortly to arrange for this to be transferred over to the new format.

What you can do to help:

- Please let us know if there are any changes to your child's existing care plan
- Contact us if your child develops a new allergy / reaction
- **Ensuring packed lunches and snacks are nut free**
- Not bringing dogs onto the school site at drop off / pick up, including Kidzone and Breakfast Club. We now have to complete a specific risk assessment for any animals on our school grounds
- Only providing shop-bought cakes / sweets when celebrating your child's birthday unless you add an ingredients list. Please can we also ask that if you are sending cakes, that these are cupcakes or individually wrapped cakes (mini rolls etc)

These changes could save a child's life and we appreciate your support. If you have any questions regarding the statutory guidance or the school allergy policy, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular club offer was sent out via Arbor earlier in the week (Year 1 to 6) . If your child would like a place in any of the clubs, please email admin@stamfordham.northumberland.sch.uk stating which club(s) your child would like to attend. Places will be offered on a first come / first served basis.

Coats and Water Bottles

As we head into Autumn, the weather can be very unpredictable. Please can pupils bring a waterproof coat into school each day in case we experience a rain shower during breaktime or PE. Please can you also send in a labelled refillable bottle as we only have limited spares in school.

School Lunches

Week commencing 14th September 2026 – Week 3

Week commencing 21st September 2026 – Week 1

The dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:

Monday 14 th September	
Tuesday 15 th September	Swimming Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 16 th September	PE with Mr Thompson
Thursday 17 th September	Healthy Relationships Workshops Year 1-6
Friday 18 th September	Music with Mr Radford

Monday 21 st September	
Tuesday 22 nd September	Swimming Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 23 rd September	PE with Mr Thompson
Thursday 24 th September	Healthy Relationships Workshops Year 1-6
Friday 25 th September	Music with Mr Radford

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
October 2026	Walk to School Month
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	School closes for half term
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Teacher Training Day
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	School re-opens to all pupils
Monday 9 th November 2026	School Photos
Friday 20 th November 2026	Nasal Flu Vaccination
Friday 4 th December 2026	Panto @ The Tyne Theatre (Year 1-6)
Tuesday 8 th December 2026	Christmas Performance (Preschool, Reception, Year 1 and Year2)
Wednesday 9 th December 2026	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Early Years Theatre Trip
Monday 14 th December 2026(TBC)	Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church 9.30am
Tuesday 15 th December 2026	Christmas Performance (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Friday 18 th December 2026	School Closes for the Christmas break at 1.15pm ** There will be no Kidzone session after school but breakfast club will run as normal**
Monday 4 th January 2027	School re-opens to all pupils