Stamfordham Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It's hard to believe we are already just two weeks away from half term! We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival next week and sharing this special time with our families and the wider community. The service will take place at 9.30am on Monday 12th October at St Mary's Church; refreshments will be served from 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you there.

We had a brilliant day in school today for Hello Yellow Day. Classes took part in a range of activities and discussed the importance of taking care of our mental health. We also want to say a huge well done to all of our pupils for their fantastic behaviour during our Wellbeing Walk this morning. They represented our school beautifully, showing kindness, respect and enthusiasm throughout the walk – we are incredibly proud of them!

A reminder that **Friday 23rd October** and **Monday 2nd November** are teacher training days so school will break up for half term on Thursday 22nd October and re-open on Tuesday 3rd November.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The last 2 weeks in school

Early Years

In Early Years Science we have been exploring our 5 senses. We looked at the taste buds on each other's tongues and tasted foods that were salt, sweet, savoury, bitter and sour. Everyone was very brave and happy to try everything or nearly everything! Reception have now learnt 15 sounds and are getting better and better at blending the sounds to make words. Preschool have been learning lots of new counting rhymes and songs to help them learn number order and number names. The children have produced some beautiful artwork in the style of Piet Mondrian, choosing bright colours to make their work stand out. In Geography, we created a group map using photographs of different places around our school, thinking carefully about where they belonged on our map.

Class 2

In English, we have started our exciting new book, 'Gecko's Echo'. We have been exploring new vocabulary from the story, including words such as muttering, scampered and glee. The children have enjoyed learning the meanings of these words and using them to create their own interesting and descriptive sentences. In Art, we have been experimenting with colour and discovering how adding white can create different shades and tints. We explored both our primary and secondary colours and enjoyed

seeing how many different shades we could create. In History, we have been learning about two famous queens: Queen Victoria I and Queen Elizabeth I. We have discovered interesting facts about their lives and reigns and have begun to compare the two queens and the different periods in which they ruled.

It has been wonderful to see how happy and settled the children have been in Class 2; they have settled in brilliantly, are working incredibly hard and continue to make us very proud every day.

Class 3

It's been another busy and exciting few weeks in our classroom! In English, the children have really enjoyed writing their own kennings. They especially loved creating a kenning about their chosen animal and then challenging their friends to guess which animal their poem was describing! We'll be sharing a special farmer-style kenning with you on Monday at our Harvest Festival, so keep your ears peeled! In Science, we've been learning all about how our muscles work and how they help us move. The children also took on an end-of-unit Bones and Muscles quiz, showing off all the knowledge they've gained throughout the topic! In Art, each child chose a celebrity to trace and paint, taking inspiration from Andy Warhol and his work within the Pop Art movement. The results are looking fantastic and the children have really enjoyed experimenting with bright colours and bold, creative styles. Well done everyone for another brilliant week!

Class 4

Class 4 have continued to work extremely hard. We have concluded our addition and subtraction work in maths and now we are exploring multiplication and division. This week, we have been looking at multiples and factors, using strategies to find the highest common multiple and finding factor pairs. In English, we have started our new core book 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. We have been exploring lots of vocabulary and how we can use different devices to make our writing more exciting. We then wrote setting descriptions based on Mister Tom's living room. The standard of work was outstanding! We have also continued our Roy Lichtenstein inspired artwork, creating comic-style pieces with speech and thought bubbles.

Cross Country – Temple Park







A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 cross country team for their fantastic efforts at Temple Park this week! The children showed incredible determination and resilience, giving their very best and demonstrating a brilliant team spirit throughout. We were especially proud to hear the lovely comments from parents who attended, praising the children's fantastic attitudes and the way they encouraged and supported one another. You were all wonderful ambassadors for our school, and you should be very proud of yourselves!

Thank You

We would like to send our thanks to our wonderful Stamfordham community. Over the summer, the car show raised £3,251.47 for our school. We have also had a generous donation of £2,835 from the Swinburne Arms (£2000 From the Leek Show and £835 From the quiz night) as well as £400 from the Village Hall from the cycling event. These donations will have a hugely positive impact on our pupils as it will give us the opportunity to provide extra support and resources over the coming year. We send our heartfelt thanks to everybody involved in organising and running these events, your support is so greatly appreciated!

Friends Halloween Fundraiser

Please see the poster sent earlier this week which provides details of a Friends Halloween fundraiser on the last day of this half term (Thursday 22nd October). Pupils can come into school in Halloween fancy dress / non-uniform for a £1 donation. Pupils can also bring some additional cash for cakes / enter a pumpkin carving competition.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place during the week commencing 12th October. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out how they are settling into their new year group. Appointments can be booked on the Arbor app.

School Lunches

Week commencing 12th October 2026 – Week 1
Week commencing 19th October 2026 – Week 2

The dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:

Monday 12th October	**Harvest Festival 9.30am at St Mary's Church**
Tuesday 13th October	**Swimming Year 3 and 4**
Wednesday 14th October	**PE with Mr Thompson** **Tag Rugby Year 1, 2 & 3 (5 of 6)** **Cauliflower Cards artwork return to school deadline**
Thursday 15th October	
Friday 16th October	**Music with Mr Radford**

Monday 19th October	**Friends AGM 6pm**
Tuesday 20th October	**Swimming Year 3 and 4**
Wednesday 21st October	**PE with Mr Thompson** **Tag Rugby Year 1, 2 & 3 (6 of 6)**
Thursday 22nd October	**Friends Halloween Fundraiser**
Friday 23rd October	**Teacher Training Day – School closed to all pupils**

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 2nd November 2026	Teacher Training Day – School Closed to all pupils
Tuesday 3rd November 2026	School re-opens to all pupils
Monday 9th November 2026	School Photos
Friday 20th November 2026	Nasal Flu Vaccination
Friday 4th December 2026	Panto @ The Tyne Theatre (Year 1-6)
Tuesday 8th December 2026	Christmas Performance **(Preschool, Reception, Year 1 and Year2)**
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 10th December 2026	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December 2026	Early Years Theatre Trip
Monday 14th December 2026	Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church 9.30am
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Christmas Performance **(Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)**
Friday 18th 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 4th January 2027	School re-opens to all pupils