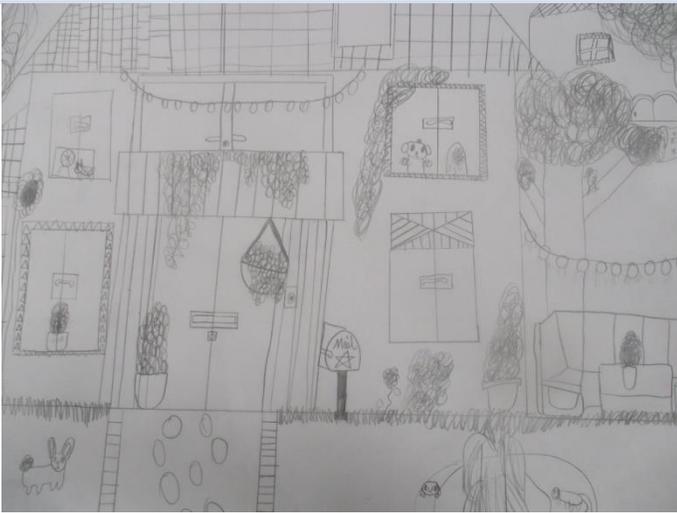


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Friday 25th September 2020



Budding Architects in Class 2

Welcome to our 2nd fortnightly **Greenhaugh Primary Newsletter** this September. This is a very important way of communicating with parents and the school community and to emphasise this, we are sending a hard copy of the 1st newsletter (sent electronically 11/9/20) and a hard copy of this 2nd one (also sent electronically 25/9/20) to make sure information reaches all our families. Will you please **check** that you have received the electronic versions **and confirm** to me that you have, as below (justine.wise@greenhaugh.northumberland.sch.uk) or let us know immediately if you have not, so that we can rectify this. Thank you.

Similarly, we are asking parents to complete the accompanying **questionnaire** (hard copy). In these uncertain times, we may need to respond quickly and effectively to **home/school learning** and would like to know how best to work with you to achieve the best educational outcomes for the children. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to school in the **return envelope on Monday 28th September**. Thank you.

Thank you to parents for **contacting school** via **telephone, e-mail or Class Dojo**. A reminder to please make sure e-mails are sent to Mrs. Wise, Acting Headteacher, (justine.wise@greenhaugh.northumberland.sch.uk) unless directed to respond to admin specifically. Christine is part time and so important communication that needs immediate attention should be sent to the above address please, or through Class Dojo. **Reception parents will receive details about joining Class Dojo** through individual e-mail and can be activated immediately after that. **Parents of Year 1/2/3/4/5 children, please ensure that you are able to access Class Dojo** and send us a message through it to communicate that you can. It'll be lovely to hear from you. If you cannot connect, please let us know immediately. Thank you.

Thank you to parents for continuing to be vigilant over **illness** within the family. It is essential that children are not sent into school if they, or a family member is unwell with Covid symptoms, diarrhoea or sickness and must not use school transport. We appreciate the social distancing at drop off and pick-up and can feel reassured that parents are following this advice in the community too. **Enclosed is a letter that we have been asked to pass on to all parents from the NHS-** please read it carefully. Many thanks.

We have also been asked to raise awareness of the availability of The NHS COVID-19 app ('the app'). This is a key part of the country's ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) response, aiming to extend the speed, precision and reach of NHS Test and Trace in England, as well as NHS Test, Trace and Protect in Wales. The app will complement the overall

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service by automating some aspects of the process of contact tracing. Working together, NHS Test and Trace and the app are designed to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) by alerting people who may have been exposed to infection so that they can take action. The app is available to download for anyone aged 16 and over if they choose to do so.

Class 2 will be visited by Brod, **creative sculptor**, to make willow bug houses for their bugs that they began to make last year. There will be 2 all day workshops on Thursday 22nd October and Thursday 5th November. Class 1 will have sculpture days in tandem and we'll be asking for **clean recycled materials** to be sent in from home to have an exciting array of things to build from. Start collecting please.....

We are going to hold '**Apple Day**' on Thursday 8th October. We will walk to the community orchard to pick apples from our school trees and celebrate our bounty with apple themed recipes and apple art back at school. Yummy!

We will be walking to St. Aidan's Church for our **Harvest walk on Thursday 15th October**. We usually ask families to accompany us, but regrettably cannot this year. We would value your donations to our **Harvest Festival collection for the Food Bank**. Please send in any packaged goods that you would like to donate on that day please. Thank you.

We have been asked to point out to parents that the Schools Admissions portal for middle school applications is open now, and closes on 31st October 2020.

Our school timetables are available to view on our school website to show where teaching time is directed and by which member of staff/supply/external provider.

Dates-

Tempest photography is going to be taking photographs of the children in school on Monday 12th October 2020.

'Flu vaccinations will be offered for our school children from the Healthcare Team on Tuesday 13th October.

Parent Consultations will take place in the week commencing Monday 19th October. We will ensure that communication for this is offered in the best way possible and will ask for your preferred means nearer the time.

Half-term- school closes at 3pm 23/10/20 and re-opens 8.45am 3/11/20 (with 2/11/20 being a teacher training day)