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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to you all, we hope you have had a lovely October half term break.

Improvements

We finally had our new signs installed and our hall, corridor and toilets decorated so school is looking very smart. Huge thanks to all the staff team who have contributed to getting school ready again for our children. We are having a joint Open Afternoon with PAWS on Friday to advertise our school so if you know anyone who might be interested in sending their children here, please let them know that they can come and see us between 1 - 4pm on Friday 10th November.

School Photographs

Ivan from Shutterbugz Photography has your children's photographs, which were taken before the half term holiday, ready for you to view and order online. Your access instructions have been sent home with your child and the deadline for orders is Monday 20th November 2023.

Poppy Appeal

The poppy boxes are in school – both poppies and assorted items ('Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal' wristband, ruler snap wristband, rubber, pencil sharpener, zip tag, poppy clip) – please send in a donation with your child if you wish to contribute to this appeal.

We will be holding our Remembrance Service on Friday 10th November in Church – sorry this is for children only.

Looking ahead to this half term, we have lots for the children to look forward to:

Federation Day

We are very excited to announce our first Federation Day of this academic year, as a reward for filling the infamous Marble Jar! This is where half of the children from one school goes to visit the other school and vice versa. They travel by coach and have a fun day of meeting and making new friends whilst learning. This is such a valuable day as the children get to meet a wider circle of children where Federation friends are made for the entire time they are with

us (this especially helps with transition for our Y4 children going to Middle School). The Reception, Y1 and Year 2 children from Longhorsley will travel to Whalton and the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children from Whalton will travel to Longhorsley this time.

Y4 and Y5 Residential

Following the hugely successful residential to Robinwood with Cambo First School last year, they have again booked for both schools to join them next May for the three day and two nights stay at Robinwood for fun, adventure and challenge. All we ask is that you let us know whether you would like your child to attend the residential. We will subsidise the cost as best we can and in the past it has been £200. This, however, is pupil number dependent so we will be able to give final costings after your responses. The payments are split over the months, starting from next year to help. Please see the website link below to find out a little more about Robinwood

<https://www.robinwood.co.uk/courses/3-day-residential/>

There will also be a parents' meeting before the residential too. If you could complete the Google form, by Friday 10th November, that would be greatly appreciated

<https://forms.gle/oCx464fhjvoasPBs7>

Alnwick Playhouse

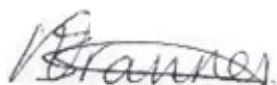
We are delighted to have secured tickets for all children from both schools to go to Alnwick Playhouse to see Snow White on Friday 15th December. Longhorsley children went last year and had a fantastic time. We are supporting a local theatre, keeping transport costs down and feel that all children should have an experience of the theatre with us - especially going with your school friends. A Google form will follow with the overall costs for ticket and bus.

You may have noticed that Christmas hasn't been mentioned but we will do a separate letter nearer the time, however, please do look at the Diary Dates so you can book time off work if needed to see your children's performances. This truly is one of the best half terms in school and we look forward to sharing the joy of Christmas - but just not yet!

Here's to a half term full of fun and learning.

Any queries or concerns, please do just get in touch via the admin email at either school - I will always make the time to see you.

Kind regards



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