



Lumley Junior School Newsletter

September 2021



Dear parents and carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week. Our new Year Three pupils have settled in very well and we are very pleased to see how grown up and well behaved everyone has been this week.

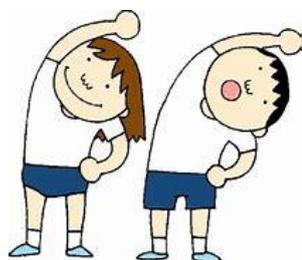
School uniform

It is wonderful to see how smart the children are looking in their school uniform. Information about our school uniform can be found on our website in the parent section. All uniform can be purchased from Little Gems using the website: www.theschooloutfit.co.uk or by person at their shop at Unit 62, Hutton Close, Crowther Industrial Estate, Washington. NE38 0AH.



PE days

Children will have two PE lessons each week. On their allocated day, they should wear their PE kit to school. Please ensure the PE kit consists of navy or black shorts / jogging bottoms with a plain T shirt with their school jumper or cardigan. Please note, no football kits or branded tops are allowed.



Y3B	Monday and Wednesday
Y3H	Monday and Wednesday
Y4W	Wednesday and Friday
Y4Y	Wednesday and Friday
Y5H	Tuesday and Thursday
Y5K	Tuesday and Thursday
Y6G	Thursday (swimming – more information to follow) and Friday

Homework

Next week, reading books and reading diaries will be given out. Children are expected to read at home regularly to an adult who should write a comment in the reading diary. Children will also be given a spelling log and spelling practice book soon. We are introducing a new approach to spelling and will send out more information separately. Additionally, children should regularly access Lexia, Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots at home. More information and passwords will be sent home next week.

What to bring to school

Children are provided with a reading folder to transport their reading book, diary, spelling log and spelling practice book to school on a daily basis. They should also bring a named water bottle. Children should **not** bring additional resources such as pencil cases or school bags. Mobile phones are **not** permitted except in exceptional circumstances and with the prior agreement of Mrs Wilson or Mrs Hughes.



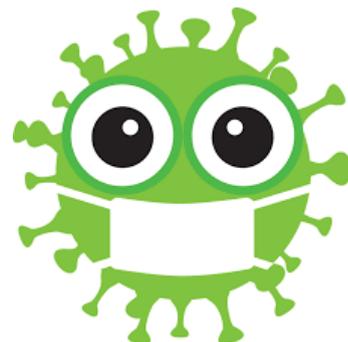
Building Works

Work on our new roof is progressing well and school is able to continue as normal whilst the work is completed. In class, we have talked to the children about the importance of staying away from the scaffolding and building site areas. Please promote this message with your child when arriving and leaving school. Currently, there is no access to school via the Cocken Lane door. Please use the main entrance on Front Street.



Covid update

Rules and advice regarding government guidelines have changed since last term and we have updated our Covid Risk Assessment accordingly. Following advice from the Local Authority, we will continue to put measures in place to keep everyone safe. These include promoting good hygiene and hand washing, operating a staggered time table, an enhanced cleaning schedule and increased ventilation. Face masks in school are no longer mandatory for staff and parents but may be worn if wished. We also have a Covid Contingency Plan, identifying additional measures we can implement if there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases within school.



Rules regarding isolation following close contact with a positive case of Covid have now changed. Children are **not** required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 and should continue to attend school as normal. NHS Track and Trace will contact families who they identify as close contacts to request they take a PCR test.

Any child who tests positive on a PCR test should isolate following Public Health advice. Please report their absence in the usual way during school hours.

Dates for your diary

Please make a note of these dates and keep checking Weduc regularly for further updates.



Wednesday 8 th September	Y6 visit to Nissan
Thursday 16 th September	Zumba taster session for all pupils
Wednesday 29 th September – Friday 1 st October	Y6 residential visit to Weardale Adventure centre.
Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October	Half term holiday – school closed
Friday 26 th November	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
Friday 17 th December	Final day of term before the Christmas holidays
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Children return to school for the Spring term.