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Parent Consultations

We will be holding our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 24th October and Wednesday 25th October next week. This is a chance for you to meet your child's class teacher. This term we will only be offering face to face appointments. Each appointment is for 10 minutes only and is to discuss how your child has settled into the academic year. You can make your appointment online using the following link by 3:00 pm on Friday 20th October. Once all appointments have been allocated, you will receive a text with your times on Monday 23rd October.

Link - <https://forms.gle/bknU67SVg2STp2JHA>

Applications Portal Reminder for Year 6 Parents

We would just to remind Year 6 parents that the portal to apply for secondary school places for next autumn is open and will close on 31st October. Any applications after this date run a greater risk of not being offered a place in your first choice of school. Everything you need to support you in this process is available via the following link:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx>

Home Reading Support

A huge thankyou goes out to all parents/carers who are already supporting their children with reading practice at home. We thought this would be a good time to just share a few simple messages that will have a **huge impact** on your children.

- **Children need to practice reading regularly at home. Building time into your evening routine** for a member of the family to listen to them read their reading book is vital. **How can we help? If you would prefer access to the online books, please speak to the class teacher on parents' evening for more information.**
- **Children need to practice decoding words.** This means that when tackling an unknown word, children break it down using the sounds they have been taught and blend the sounds to read the word. Their reading book from school will be a decodable book which matches the sounds that they know. If they struggle with particular words or sounds, jot these down in their reading record and we will pick this up when they read in school. If you want to know more about the phonics approach at school, you can visit the school website or if you have 6 minutes, watch the explanatory video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44mZZQfgkjY>
- **In the early stages of reading children need to re-read books.** Re-reading means that children become more familiar and confident with new words to help them to read more fluently and start to understand what they read. Research recommends that 4-5 readings is most beneficial.
- **Children hearing adults read to them helps them to learn new vocabulary.** Adults as reading role models helps children to understand what good fluent reading sounds like. We read to the children in school everyday. Having a bedtime story is a great way to share and talk about stories with your child. Talking about the story is just as important as reading it to develop their vocabulary and understanding. **How can we help? After half term we will be sending home a weekly link. The link will take you to a video of a member of staff reading a story. Each video link will come with some suggestions for book talk you can have with your child.**

Diary Dates

24.10.23
Parents' Evening 1
25.10.23
Parents' Evening 2
27.10.23
School closes for Half term
6.11.23
School re-opens
14.11.23
School Photos
22.11.23
Flu Immunisations

A full list of dates is available via the school website calendar.

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