



Autumn Term Newsletter 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely welcoming parents and carers to our **Meet The Teacher** sessions - a chance to meet your child's teacher and find out a little about the year ahead.

What a successful coffee morning we had—we raised over **£60** for the **Macmillan Cancer Charity** which will make a difference to many people's lives who are touched by cancer. Thank you so much.

We look forward to seeing you at our **Harvest Festival** in a few weeks time—a chance to hear our pupils sing a few Harvest classics.



School Holidays

Autumn Half Term:

Last day of term Friday 27th October

Half term week:

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

School reopens:

Monday 6th November



Reception—Year 6 Flu Vaccinations

We have nurses in school on Tuesday 5th December to give children the nasal flu vaccine. If you want your child to be vaccinated, you must complete the online consent form:

<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> with school code which is **NB108330**

You can also book a egg/gelatin free vaccine on this form.



Introducing our fantastic new House Captains, as voted for by our house teams...

Willow



Harry Ward

Ash



Jack Henderson

Oak



Max Atkinson

Rowan



Jake Simmonds

We wish them all the very best of luck in representing their house and our school! This role comes with a big responsibility. We look forward to seeing them leading, supporting and inspiring others.

Our School Council and ECO Schools Committee

Our school council and ECO Schools Committee meet regularly to discuss how we can make our school offer even more outstanding. We are committed to ensuring our school's Values are met and eager to listen to the ideas of all pupils across the school.

Autumn term projects include:

- Fund raising for outdoor paint and plants
- A Winter Coffee morning (date to t.b.c)
- A visit to the allotment garden
- Litter pick in Beacon Lough East



Attendance Matters

How is your child's attendance this term?

It is well known that educational achievement is directly related to good attendance and we do not want any of our children to miss the exciting learning opportunities offered every day at Larkspur.

Raising the profile of Reading

We are always looking for ways to encourage your child to read everyday, both in school and at home with family. Here are a few of our reading opportunities:

- **Class reading book—read 6 books for a visit to the Reading Café**
- **Weekly library sessions**
- **'Read with Me' Weekend Book Bags given to a lucky child each Friday to share at home**
- **Reading Buddies Elder (Y5/6) and Hazel (EY)**
- **Storytime - End of Day story shared in every classroom**



The EAGLES have landed...

Thank you to Newcastle Eagles Basketball team for a fantastic afternoon of exercise and health education with Y4,5 and 6.



Spooky Celebrations

On **Wednesday 25th October** we will be celebrating Halloween in school by:

- Early Years and Key Stage 1 children can come to school dressed in their favourite costumes and will enjoy a party in school in the afternoon.
- The cook will be serving a spooky Halloween themed lunch (normal cost of £2.70 applies to non FSM).
- Friends of Larkspur are holding a fancy dress Key Stage 2 Halloween Disco 4.30pm-6pm £2 a ticket and hotdogs and snacks available.



Key Dates

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| Monday 9th Oct
9.00am | Year 1 and 2 and select KS2 children Phonics Workshop for parents |
| Wednesday 11th Oct | Children will be taking part in the Beacon Lough Clean Up |
| Wednesday 11th Oct | 8.45am Early Years Storytime Stay and Play for parents |
| Wednesday 11th Oct
8.45-9.45 weekly | New Writing North Parent + Child Writing Workshop Y4-6 |
| Friday 13th Oct
8.45-9.45 weekly | Women's Help and Wellness session for all Mams and Grandmas in the hall |
| Monday 16th Oct | School Photograph Day |
| Thursday 19th Oct
9.15am | Harvest Festival Assembly whole school |
| Thursday 19th Oct | Y5/6 Athletics Gateshead Stadium |
| Wednesday 25th Oct | Early Years and KS1 Halloween dress up and party in afternoon. Halloween theme lunch. |
| Wednesday 25th Oct:
4.30pm—6pm | KS2 Halloween Disco £2 ticket |

