

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see all of the children in school, settling into new routines and working and playing enthusiastically. It was super to see and chat to so many parents last night at the Open Classrooms event. We hope that you found it useful. In response to parent feedback, we are looking for lots more opportunities to invite you into school to see what we have going on this year. There is a lot of information in this newsletter and we ask you for lots of updated information via email at this time of year too. Thank you for your support in taking everything in and providing the updates we need.

Coffee and Chat

To further support our 'open-door' policy, Mr Vincent and Mrs Cleet will be holding regular coffee afternoons every other Monday from 2:45pm. These drop-in sessions will be held in the sports hall foyer and are open to anyone who would like to come and chat. Mrs Cleet will be on hand to answer questions about wellbeing and signpost you to information and services that may be of interest. Mr Vincent will also be present to answer any questions about the life of the school and to listen to feedback and suggestions that you may have. Please remember that if you have a specific class-based question for your child's teacher, you can catch them most days on the playground or send an email into admin@allendaleprimary.northumberland.sch.uk which will be passed on quickly. The first drop-in will be on:

Monday 15th September from 2:45pm.

Gymnastics Club

Since Ginny has stepped down from her coaching role, we are in need of a gymnastics coach to support our after school club. If anyone has a gymnastics coaching qualification or knows someone who does, please contact the school office. We will be exploring all options to see if we can get the club up and running again soon.



Fruit

At playtimes, we offer a fresh fruit snack to children across the school. Fruit is provided to schools specifically for the children in Reception and Year 1, although we often have enough for the older children too.

Since we don't have any choice in the fruit that arrives, there may not always be a fruit snack that your child would enjoy. Therefore, please feel free to send in a fresh fruit snack to be eaten at playtime.



Motivational Mondays

Monday morning activities will become a regular fixture this term thanks to Miss Shepherd's enthusiasm. Starting at 8:45 we will have a different activity each week of the month.

1st Monday = Wake and Shake

2nd Monday = Skipping

3rd Monday = Yoga

4th Monday = Hula Hooping



We hope that lots of children will be rushing in on Monday mornings to join us.

Homework Club

As we are now back into the routines of school, teachers are beginning to set homework for the children. It's a really important way of consolidating learning and building independence for your child.

We understand that with busy lives, it can sometimes be difficult to fit in homework or to fit in time to support your child. That's why Mr Vincent will be running a Homework Club on **Wednesday mornings from 8:30am in the ICT room** at school. At least one school adult will be on hand to support children with their homework tasks and the computers will be available for those who need to complete tasks online.

Children may also come along to practise their spellings on Spelling Shed, times tables or to practise their touch typing on Typing Club. There's no need to book, just come to the usual playground entrance and ring the bell. Children at Allstars can complete homework with adult support just as they always have.

Active Playtimes

We try to make sure that our playtimes are as active as possible to improve health as well as making them fun for everyone. This means that we do try to get outside whatever the weather, so please make sure that your children are equipped with a coat as the weather gets more autumnal.

Wellies in school are a great idea too, as this will mean that children can enter the mud-kitchen and go anywhere on the fields, even in the depths of winter. We have a large stock of pre-loved wellies to give away should you need a pair. Just ask one of the adults. As ever, please make sure that wellies are clearly named as many of them look exactly the same.





Staff News

We are delighted to share the news that Miss Honeyman is expecting a baby in the new year. Congratulations to her and her family on this exciting news.

Communication / Permissions

Although this newsletter is a little short on photos, you will find lots of regular updates on the class Facebook pages. When you ask to join, please be sure to answer the moderation questions in order to be accepted.

Important messages will continue to be sent out via email to all parents, so those who are not on Facebook will not miss out.

Newsletters and pictures are added to the website throughout the year and it is a good place to find answers to the most common queries about school life.
www.allendaleprimary.northumberland.sch.uk

Please make sure that you update us with any changes to your contact details or your child's medical details. You should have already received communication about these along with our annual ICT Acceptable Use agreement which needs to be completed each year to allow children to use computer technology within the school.

Dates for Your Diary

15th Sept	Coffee and Chat with Mr Vincent & Mrs Cleet (2:45pm)
26th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
2nd Oct	Christmas Cards home!
27th Oct	Half Term Holiday
3rd Nov	Teacher Training Day
4th Nov	School Starts
5th Nov	Health Week
11th Nov	Parents' Evening
12th Nov	Positive Noticing Day
13th Nov	Parents' Evening
21st Nov	Children in Need
20th Dec	End of Term



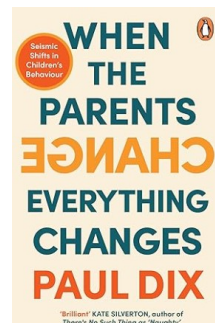
Behaviour

When the Adults Change / When the Parents Change

Here at Allendale Primary School we continue to evolve our behaviour management systems in line with current research and best practice.

The children have been reminded of our school rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe** which are now becoming embedded within our daily life.

At the heart of our good behaviour is Positive Noticing. This is a key message in *When the Adults Change* and *When the Parents Change* which we previously recommended to you. Consistently praising positive behaviours encourages more of the same. It's part of our daily practice. On 12th November we will be taking part in a national Positive Noticing Day too. More about that in a future newsletter.



Here's some examples of the language we are using in school to support good behaviour:



PAUL'S BEST BITS OF SCRIPT

I've noticed ... (for positive noticing and correction)

I need you to...

I understand and yet...

Remember our rule about...

This is how we do it here

Love that! (and walk away)



Residential Experiences

This academic year we have two residential visits planned. Year 6 will be heading off to PGL's Ford Castle in June and Year 4 and 5 will be off to Wasdale Hall YHA in the Lake District. More information about these visit will be passed to parents of those children in due course.

