

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am amazed that I am writing another newsletter for the end of the academic year 2021/22, the year has flown by! All of the pupils have worked so hard this year and have had great successes in so many different ways. The staff are very proud of them all.

We have young people who have moved classes, and we have some staff who will be moving in September 2022. Mrs Jones and Mrs Bolton will move from Elm class to Sycamore class, and continue with their part time hours. Mrs McGow will move from Elm class to Oak class. Mrs Ferguson has started her maternity leave and we will let you know when we have news on her and her baby. Mrs Johnson will start her maternity leave in September, it will be so exciting to welcome these two new babies and we will keep you up to date. We have one new permanent member of staff and one maternity leave cover starting in September, they are Miss Emily Haywood and Miss Lauren Brittle, both will be working in Beech class. Miss Donna Todd will be getting married on Saturday and will return to us in July as Mrs Donna Darling she will be working part time in Willow and Maple classes.

We have five new pupils joining us in September and currently know that we have four pupils leaving us. I know that many of you will know families that are currently looking for a place with us and we are doing our best to find space, however as you know the real issue is that we do not have enough room, I would therefore ask that you fill in the consultation document and state as strongly as possible that we need a new school as part of the Berwick school reforms.

I am so grateful to all of you that filled in the Ofsted survey, you can view the results on the website 'Ofsted Parent View' The results are so amazing with 100% of people saying they would recommend our school to others, that children feel safe and are happy at school. One of the questions asked about taking part in clubs and activities, 15% of people said that they did not know. To address this we have added information about enrichment activities and events to our website so that you can see what the children have on offer and what they have accessed. We have also worked hard on the school curriculum and have three new pilot themes that are available to view on the website, additionally we are planning to have curriculum workshops and two further parent meetings next year so that we ensure that all parents feel further informed about what their child is learning about in school.

I will not be in school for the last week of term, if you have any questions about next year please contact me before the 15th July. Miss Waugh will be leading the school in the last week, so anything that you need she will be here to support you.

We have some exciting events coming up including the school residential and the school prom, we hope that you are looking forward to your summer holidays? We finish school on the 22nd July at 1.00pm. I am very grateful to you all for your continued support of the school this year and am looking forward to September and a new academic year.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries



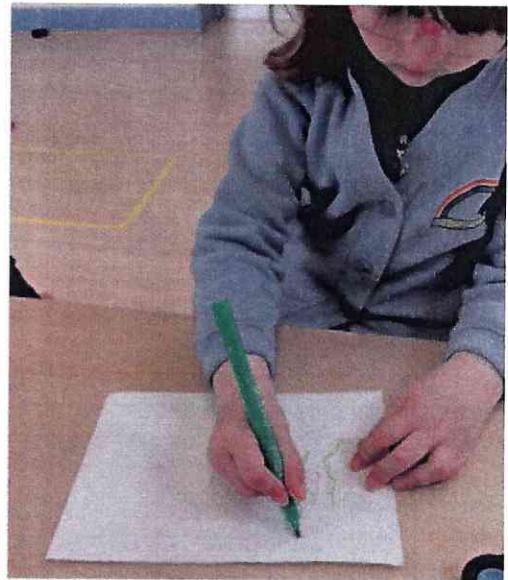
Maple and Willow planted their potatoes for the School Potato Challenge.

The children helped to fill the bag with soil before making a hole and planting their seed potatoes.

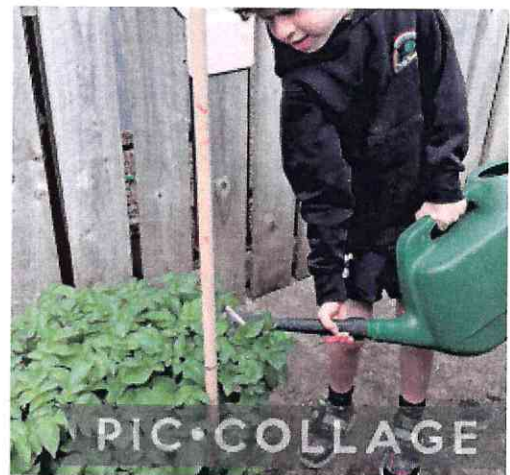
Some of the children used the gutter tube to roll their potato into the bag, making this a fully inclusive lesson.

Let the Challenge begin.





Elm class have been learning how to grow potatoes as part of an outdoor learning challenge. We researched parts of the plant then wrote name labels for each part. Every week we have been watering the potatoes to help them grow. We used a stick to measure their weekly growth. There is lots of anticipation as to what is in the soil and under the leaves.



Beech Class



By Victoria



By Bodhi



By Channah



By Alan

Beech Class had great fun painting 'Rock Monster' stones for East Ord Nature Walk as part of our school community work.



By Theo H

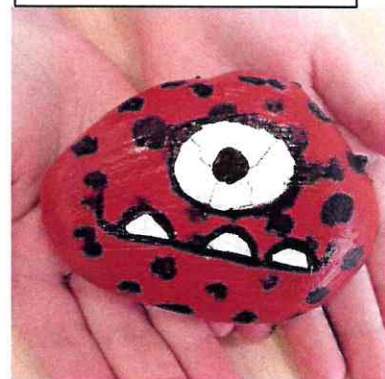
The children are very proud of their work and hope that you don't get too much of a fright when you see them out in the wild!



By Poppy



By Curtis



By Robert



By Theo O



By Amelia

Team work in Sycamore Class, June 2022

We are learning to use our social skills – such as sharing space, taking turns and helping each other – in a range of learning activities. Here are some photos of us working and playing together, we hope you like them 😊



Working together to operate the washing machine.



Helping each other to make rainbow hearts to celebrate Pride.



Working together in Science to make slime then enjoying the results!



Happily rolling play dough together.



The catering team are concentrating.



Working in the 'Sycamore Class' shop, taking turns to operate the till. Counting the money carefully.



Taking turns and sharing equipment during break time in



June 2022
 Oak Class had
 an amazing day
 at Children's
 Countryside
 Day in Wooler.
 Pupils enjoyed
 experiencing a
 wide range of
 interactive
 demonstrations
 of rural
 farming life
 within
 Northumberland
 and had great
 fun meeting the
 local
 emergency
 services.

