



## ALP NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2021

Half term is almost upon us so just a quick reminder that we break-up from school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> (normal time) and return on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

This half term seems to have flown by, but it has been lovely being back at school and seeing how well the children have settled into school routines.

There are lots of highlights to share but some of our favourites include:

- Friday's skills and careers sessions which have been a big hit with children refining their teamwork skills and talking about their ambitions for the future.
- Listening to our pupils talk with such clarity about protected characteristics and their learning in school.
- Working with the NCC climate change team to plan lessons together and work on our carbon neutral plan for the schools.
- Being able to slowly start and offer after school clubs and fixtures again – it's been such a long time.
- Seeing how well the children are progressing with their reading and the fantastic engagement from home in supporting them with their weekly reads.
- Winning the best commercial garden at the Ashington Town Council Awards for the Enchanted Garden at Central Lower.
- Seeing the children thrive in our new Reception classrooms at Bothal Lower.
- Welcoming our new pupils into 2-year-olds, Nursery, and Reception.
- Appreciating being together, playing and seeing friends.

### Future Events

#### Design a Pumpkin Competition

Can you design a prize-winning pumpkin? If you would like to take part, please complete your design on a piece of A4 paper (if you need paper, please just ask your teacher) and return to your class teacher on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Don't forget to include your name and class on your entry. Your teacher will select a winning design to create as your class competition entry. One design from each year group will win a prize - good luck!

#### Children in Need

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Non-school uniform day. Help us to raise money for this very worthy cause. An online donation system will be in place for voluntary contributions so there is no need to send money into school.

#### Parents' Evenings (Reception – Year 6)

This term we will continue with phone calls although I am hoping we can move to face-to-face meetings in March. An online booking system will be available to book an appointment. Parents' evening phone call dates are shared below to help with advance planning.

- 22 November 2021
- 23 November 2021

#### Times

- 3.30-6.00 Lower Site
- 3.45-6.15 Upper Site

I hope you have a lovely half-term break.

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