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Dates for diary:

**Wednesday 14th October**– Flu Vaccinations whole school—Please complete your online consent form.

**Friday 23rd October** – half term holiday. See holiday list also on our school website.



**This weekend Mr Dougall and his fiancée Ellie are getting married!**

We hope you both have a wonderful day Mr Dougall, and although it is not the wedding you had both originally planned I am sure it will still be so, so special!

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

- \* Robins- Evelyn
- \* Larks- Rupert
- \* Swifts- Phoebe
- \* Owls- Chloe C



## Starting School September 2021

You can apply now for a primary school place if your child is starting school in September 2021. The deadline for submissions is January 15th.

Here is the link with further info on how to apply in County Durham:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-for-a-primary-place-deadline-15-January-2021>



## Home to School Communications



We hope you all found the new 'Home to School Communications Policy' which sets out how we can continue to communicate effectively during the Covid-19 pandemic useful. A copy of this policy was sent out via Weduc and it is also in the 'Hub' section on Weduc.

**Homework:** Our homework will continue to go out on a Monday and must be returned (in 1 message) by the following Monday. The weekly task will be set and marked as a Weduc task.

**Reading Books:** Reading scheme books and EYFS phonics books will be brought home on a Monday and MUST be returned on a Friday. KS2 children with free reader books will just bring the book back when they have finished reading it and their teacher will help them choose another one and keep a record of what, and how much they are reading. Books will then be quarantined and then sent out again the following week. Children do not need to bring in their yellow reading diary, this can be filled in at home and just stay at home for now. Teachers will continue to make their own reading assessments and monitoring in school. **We still do not need to bring in book bags-** if it is raining we will pop the book in a plastic wallet for the child to send home.

Thank You

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy Birthday to Max who celebrates his 6th birthday this week. I hope you have a lovely day Max!

## Influence Church

StoreHouse is a foodbank project to help the people of Barnard Castle and surrounding area. If you find yourself without money to put food on the table, for whatever reason, we can help. Nothing required for first visit. Fridays 4-6pm.

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