



Dear Parents and Carers of children in St David's Class,

A new academic year begins again! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday, wherever you may have roamed. I discovered more of the county of Northumberland, getting thoroughly wet at times but enjoying and appreciating the beautiful countryside and coast.



In this first autumn term, we will be settling into our classroom routines and getting to know each other. A few reminders...

Please arrive at school at 8:45am and we finish at 3:15pm. Please try to be on time so that the children can spend some time doing their independent learning. This is also an ideal time for us to give a little extra support to those that need it.

Please remember to inform the school if your child is going to be absent by ringing the office.



We have decided to continue with the children wearing their PE kits to school this year. Please make sure that all PE kit as well as school uniform is labelled. Some mornings can be quite chilly and we will always try to do PE lessons outside, so please make sure they have warm clothing. This half term we will do NUFC PE on **Monday** and a dance lesson on **Friday**.



Snacks can be fruit, healthy cereal bars and plain biscuits. Could you also make sure that the children have a water bottle in school. We will send it home every Friday for a wash. The children are reminded to change their water every morning when they come into class. Please remember that we are a healthy school and we only allow plain water in their classroom water bottles.



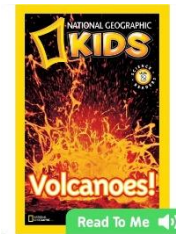
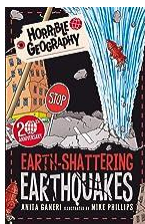


It would be fantastic if your child can read for 15 minutes every night and practice their spellings in their Homework Book. For maths, we ask if your child can practice on Times Tables Rock Stars. We will reward your combined efforts with raffle tickets! If you need a reminder of log ins and passwords, please just ask. They are stuck in Homework Books.



Our topic this half term is Extreme Earth and we will be finding out about volcanoes, earthquakes, floods and extreme weather. I have recommended a few books that will support our learning. The Horrible Geography books are great and can be a challenge to read despite looking like a comic! DK books are good, particularly the Eye Witness ones.

The website Get Epic www.getepic.com has a wide range of books to read on line. It's free to sign up and there are a variety of text types and quizzes to do.



We will send out both class and school newsletters to keep you informed. Please also look at our website for more information about our school. We use ParentMail to communicate with you too. If you need to talk to me, please ring the office to leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I look forward to our Parents' Evening later this term when we will be able to discuss your child's learning and how they have settled into school. I'll be on the school yard welcoming the children in most mornings and afternoons, so please come and say hello and introduce yourself if I haven't met you before.



I look forward to a happy and fun filled year together.

Three facts about me that the children may, or may not, know already!

1. I have started to learn the flute.
2. My favourite flavour of ice cream is pistachio.
3. My favourite pizza is a quattro stagioni.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Emma Sheridan