



## Newsletter

# 02.10.14

All your news and  
notices from BSPTS

[www.station.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.station.northumberland.sch.uk)

### Stars of the Week

The following children were given a Head Teacher Award at Friday's Achievement Assembly following a recommendation from their teacher: Jason Ince, Matthew Holland, Tia Sweetlove, Samantha Arkle, Chloe Hurrell, Cameron Bowman, Rhya Willis, Kenzi Law Beth Darbyshire, Andrew Condie, Ethan McLeod, Aaliyah Wright, Kayti-Lee Brown, Saphyre Alexander, Megan Philpott, Alyssa Mills-Auld, Rachael Holman, Ethan Loy, Kasey Humble and Olivia Balance. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

### Ice Cream Friday

The following children all had ice-cream sundaes in Ice-Cream Friday last week: Ethan Jackson, Liam Brown, Charlotte Mason, Kelsie Wakenshaw, Chennai Burns, Kayti-Lee Brown and Michael Lee. These children were chosen because they had been particularly well behaved during the previous week.

### Morrison's Let's Grow

Please, please, please keep sending in your Morrisons Let's Grow vouchers. Thank you.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Macmillan Coffee Morning held last Friday. A fantastic £196.00 was raised.

### Basic Skills – Spellings and Times Tables

Some parents have spoken to me about how we currently address basic skills in the classroom, balancing the need to ensure we push and challenge the children academically whilst ensuring that they are able to be successful at the basics such as spellings and times tables. I have met with staff and you will notice some changes in the coming weeks with regard to spellings that the children bring home. We will be testing them weekly with 5 challenging words based on curriculum and age-related expectations. However, we will now also test them with 5 words that are a fundamental part of our language; 5 different high frequency words in everyday use that the class teacher will select having assessed where children appear to be having difficulty mastering these basics. We hope that this will help to underpin their knowledge whilst also challenging their ability.

In addition, I will be shortly introducing a fun and challenging web-based programme into school called Mathletics, which the children will be able to access here but also free of charge via the internet at home. This programme has a proven track record in increasing children's confidence and ability in quick mental calculation and knowledge of times tables. More information about this initiative will follow. **Mr Sutherland.**

### "Meet The Head Teacher" Event

Thank you to everyone who attended our "Meet the Head Teacher" afternoon last Thursday. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers in and around school and what a wonderful turnout we had. I hope that you enjoyed spending time in your child's classroom, sharing some of the wonderful work already achieved this term. It was lovely to meet some of you personally and I would like to thank you for your positivity and for your continuing support of our school. We welcome your constructive comments and feedback and please don't hesitate to speak to me personally if you have any suggestions on how to improve our school still further. Many of you said that you would like similar afternoons to be held in the future and I will ensure that this happens. For those morning Nursery parents who wouldn't have had children in school last Thursday afternoon, we will be in touch to invite you into the classroom one morning very soon. **Mr Sutherland.**

### Attendance

Rowan and Sycamore classes both had **100%** attendance last week and whole school attendance was once again **97%**. This is still above our target. Well done everyone! Please don't forget to ring 822326 if your child is unable to attend school. Thank you.

### Top Table Lunch

The following children all had their lunch with Mr Sutherland and Miss Johnson at the Top Table last Friday: Josie Blackwood, Lauren Cook, Hayden Clark, Kasey Humble, Summer Hann, Rachael Holman, Mikayla Agnew and Ebony Jobson. These children were rewarded for their outstanding work last week.

### Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. We would be very grateful for any contributions of fruit, vegetables and especially tinned or dried food that you can spare. As always we invite you to nominate anyone you would feel would benefit from a share of the produce we collect. Any remaining items will be donated to the Matthew Project based in Bedlington through the Bedlington Christian Fellowship. We will send the slips out next week.