

""Those who don't believe in magic will never find it." - Roald Dahl

## celebrating success

### Attendance

Oak class had the highest attendance last week with 99%. Whole school was 95%. Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend school. Thank you.

### Star of the Week

Star of the Week Certificates were all given to the following children: Leon Price, Ruby Richardson, Liam Stanton, Megan Philpott, Charlotte Mason and Alisha Marshall. These children all had Star Tea with Mr Sutherland due to their exemplary attitude.

### Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Dominic Long, Layton Davidson, Dean Foster, Joe Jamieson, Connor Dodds and Leon Mudd. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

### Ice Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice-cream Friday last week: Lili-Ann Ferrier, James Edelson, Kolby Carrick, Abbey Scott, Evan Reed and Kristan Watts. These children were rewarded because of their outstanding behaviour.

## important information

### Reading Focus

One of our whole-school focuses this year is Reading. We are very proud of the standards the children reach in school with their reading thanks to the efforts of our wonderful teachers and support staff but also, as importantly, through your help at home. However, some research has indicated that there is a decline in reading at home generally when children begin Primary school. I intend to raise the profile of Reading across the school this year through several measures. Naturally, your support at home, continuing to read with your child and to ask them questions about what they are reading is vital. We ensure that the children's speech and language is as good as it can be in order to act as a firm foundation for reading, discussion and the inquiry that this will bring. We also need to ensure that the children comprehend what they have read and are able to answer and ask questions about the text as well as draw conclusions from inferences made in a story or article. We are going to relaunch our School Library this year with some new librarians, chosen from across the school. I would also like us all to be a little more interactive, sharing ideas on what makes a good book, for example and getting the children to choose their top 5 favourite reads. We will also be having a Reading Focus Week and inviting parents into school again to get involved in the learning. Reading and comprehension is the gateway to so many things that we will encounter in life and it can open up completely new worlds and stimulate our imagination.

To start us off, we have managed to obtain some free books for Willow class - a story called "The Bumblebear" and these will be given out free to all Reception children as soon as possible. I hope you enjoy them!

### Learning Ladders Reminder

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am or 3:15pm, Miss Tuart is holding a meeting for parents from Years 1 to 6 about our wonderful assessment system: Learning Ladders, and how you can access this at home. If you are available to attend, please return the slip from the letter that was sent out last week. If you have misplaced the letter, please contact our school office and we will issue you with a duplicate.

Also, don't forget to log onto your child's Learning Ladders at home to see all of their wonderful achievements and what they can do to be even better. Your child's Ladders will be updated by the end of the first week of each half-term. Login detail reminders will be sent home next week on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September or will be given out if you attend one of the meetings on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Website reminder: [www.laddersathome.co.uk](http://www.laddersathome.co.uk).

### **Important Notice - Secondary and High School Application Deadline**

The Northumberland County Council (NCC) admissions portal opened on **Monday 11th September** for parents to apply for their middle, secondary or high school place for September 2018.

The portal will close on the **31st October**. NCC have informed me that they are not writing to parents individually this year, and have asked us to please help ensure that all parents apply on time and know the consequences of not submitting an application on time. I have displayed a poster on the school noticeboard for your information but if you have any questions or are unsure then please feel free to contact us and we will advise you.

### **Medical Information**

Please can we ask that if your child has an inhaler, etc in school, if you have not already done so, that you call at the school office to update their information.

### **Emergency Contact Details**

Please can we also ask that if you have changed your telephone number or moved house that you let the school office know as soon as possible so that your child's information details can be updated as soon as possible.