

Thought of the Week: "The soul always knows what to do to heal itself. The challenge is to silence the mind." – Caroline Myss

celebrating success

Attendance

Beech class had the highest attendance last week with 99.3%. 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: Thomas Aiston, Faryn Robson, Calvin Hickson, Lennon Gibbon, Emma Archer, Eva Haliday and Lauren Hanlon. 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: Ethan Robinson, Nathan-Lee Mason, Ethan Jackson, Alex Roy, Lucy Lynn, Josie Blackwood and Jack Stafford. 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: Charlie Buckle, Ruby Richardson, Aiden Falloon, Alfie Robson, Justin Cook, Alisha Marshall and Keigan Jackson. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

Mathletics

Chestnut class had the highest score with 8,785 points. Eva Haliday had the highest score last week with 2,354 points. Well done everyone.

important information

Year 1 Phonics

Our Year 1 children took their Phonic Screening this week and I am so proud of each and every one of them. They all did themselves proud and performed brilliantly, reading a selection of words aloud to a member of staff. Well done to all of you.

Vindolanda & Robinwood Residential for Sycamore

It is certainly a busy few weeks for our Year 4 children. Today, they have visited Vindolanda, the Roman Fort and Settlement by Hadrian's Wall and the week after next, Monday 26th June to Wednesday 28th June they will be at Robinwood in Alston for 3 days. Not all learning takes place in the classroom and I am a great believer that if we give children opportunities to learn outside school it not only widens their experiences and deepens their knowledge but allows them to build upon the firm foundation school gives them. When they return to school they are able to use these experiences to develop their learning further and enrich the work that they do here. I know that they will have a fantastic time.

Sponsored Bounce – Money Raised

May I thank all parents and carers for their wonderful support in raising a final amount of money to go towards our Play Patch. All the children were able to bounce to their heart's content throughout the day and we managed to raise a phenomenal £556.00 just by keeping fit and having fun. Although this has been a whole team effort, I feel special mention should go to Shay in Chestnut class who managed to raise well over £150 for the school and Matthew from Acorn who raised around £110.00. Well done Shay and Matthew and of course everyone for their valuable and generous contributions.

Play Patch update

Whilst on the subject of the Play Patch, I am delighted to be able to report that we aim for construction to start in the Nursery / Reception garden on September 4th. It should only take a week to complete so will be available to use really early in the autumn term. I am sure that when you see the finished designs installed in our school, all that hard work fund raising and applying for grants will be worth it. It will be a wonderful addition to our school and the community. My thanks to everyone associated with the school who has helped and to Mrs Walker who has led the project and sought funding to the tune of £20,000. It really is a fantastic achievement.

Attendance – Holidays in Term Time

Can I respectfully remind all parents and carers that we do not encourage children to be absent from school for any reason other than medical or extenuating / exceptional circumstances. I am very keen to work with parents in this regard to ensure that school is not seen as a barrier if parents need help around a particular situation where an absence be required. However, I would ask that you please complete a "Request For Absence" form at least 2 weeks in advance so that at least school is aware why your child is not attending. Thank you for your support.

Whole Class Attendance Treat Winners

Oak Class, with 11 weeks of the highest attendance, are our winners this year. They are now considering what treat they would like, (within reason...and budget), and are going to let me know as soon as possible. Congratulations to them for a wonderful year's attendance. They were pushed very hard by Sycamore Class, but just managed to get over the line first.

100% Attendance with no lateness Winners

The date has been set (Friday July 7th) and the restaurant booked (Prezzo's in Cramlington) and the letters are now being printed. Keep an eye on the post if you think you are in with a chance of joining us – it could be you!

Reminder

Can I respectfully remind parents and carers that the use of obscene language on or around our school premises is not permitted. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Dates for diaries:

Sports Week

As happened last year we are planning for the children to take part in lots of different sporting activities in our Sports' Week which is week commencing June 26th. This will culminate in our Sports' Day which, weather permitting, will be held on the afternoon of Thursday June 29th on the school field. All parents will be welcome and we will be sending home more information a little nearer the time.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Just to confirm that this year's Leavers Assembly will take place on Thursday 20th July, in case you want to put the date in your diary. We have yet to confirm whether it will be in the morning or afternoon but will do so as soon as we can. I also have some exciting news about the Assembly, more of which will follow.