

Thought of the Week "Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail...." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

celebrating success

Attendance

Rowan class had the highest attendance last week with 100%. Whole school attendance was 94% 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: Tobias McKendrick, Lincoln Clark, Kolby Carrick, Makenzie Armstrong, Justin Cook and Connor Charlton. 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: Georgia Cowen, Ellis Thompson, Bradley Johnstone, Chloe Brown, Charlotte Mason, Holly Mills-Auld and Melissa Wilson. 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: Jessica Foster, Alyssa Moore, Jack Simpson, James Gudgin, Adam Holland, Alisha Marshall and Andrew Dodds. These children were rewarded because of their outstanding behaviour.

Mathletics

Chestnut class had the highest score with 11,800 points. Liam Brown had the highest score last week with 2,200 points. Well done everyone.

important information

What a busy year!

As the academic year ends tomorrow July 21st, this will be the last Station Voice of the school year. As I write this newsletter, I find it difficult to believe that we have reached this point already. The months have passed so quickly and it doesn't seem 5 minutes since our school year began in September 2016.

Sometimes it is easy to forget how much we have all achieved throughout the course of a year, so I thought it might be helpful to remind everyone. During our year together we have accomplished many things and here are some of the highlights:

- Attendance initiatives re-launched – class with best attendance at end of year having a treat afternoon-100% attendance children with no lateness to go to a restaurant for a special lunch
- Year 6 3 day residential to London in October
- Year 5 3 day residential to Robinwood at the end of September
- Bikeability Cycling provision for Years 5 and 6
- Miss Tuart & Mr Layton attended Hiltingbury Junior School in Southampton, where the system of Learning Ladders was conceived and developed to gain ideas and experience for our new assessment system
- Working Party meetings held with parents, governors and children to develop new end of year reports
- BSPS School Council formally ratified with regular meetings now taking place
- Harvest Festival assembly
- Visit to school by Red Watch to give a talk on fire safety for whole school
- Diabetes training for relevant staff
- Choir singing at Christmas Switch-on in Bedlington Station
- Year 1 and Year 2 children taking part in multi-skills sessions
- New Safeguarding / Child protection information for all staff
- Successful Mock SATS for Year 6 at the end of January 2017
- Regular meetings with Partnership Heads
- Miss Tuart helping to drive "Assessment without Levels" initiatives through meetings with Assessment Co-ordinators across the Partnership.
- Whole staff refresher training on E-Safety and Child Protection / Safeguarding and Extremism and PREVENT policy documents
- Visits to school by Daft as a Brush, Diabetes UK, NCC Road Safety
- Year 6 Parents' Meeting held to inform them about new assessment standards and SATS
- Updated pamphlet on the new assessment system being used in school sent home to all parents
- SEND reviews for all relevant children
- Parents' Evenings held on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March. Additional room set up for parents to look at and try Learning Ladders at Home.

- New end of year reports developed
- School working as part of the Partnership with the Education Endowment Foundation to look at ways to raise standards in English generally but specifically in spelling.
- Safer Internet Week focus across the school
- A newly designed "Gold Gallery" for our main corridor
- iPads purchased for Early Years from PTA funds
- Reading Week in school to coincide with World Book Day in March
- E-Safety Training by NCC for all staff on January 31st 2017
- Denim for Diabetes day as well as a whole-school Assembly on raising awareness for pupils and staff
- Staff meetings have included: new End of Year Reports to Parents templates; E-Safety; Performance Management structure; Mastery Peer Observations; SEND Reviews; Behaviour Management and Green is Great; work on key Ofsted messages from the new inspection process; Partnership Moderation updates and specific work with Stead Lane Primary School;
- New static PCs installed into classrooms
- Successful Mock SATS for Year 6 at the end of April 2017 followed by actual SATS in May
- Successful spring and summer visit to BPS and Learning Walk by David Wilson, school SIP – including hearing readers from years 1, 3 and 5.
- Ongoing Partnership moderations of reading, writing and maths as well as attendance by staff at maths workshops held by the High School.
- Successful Fire Drills undertaken
- Regular monthly meeting held by School Council with CS in attendance
- Pupil transition day on July 11th
- Year 5 visit to High School as part of transition
- Increasing opportunities for children to participate in sport and team games through School Sports' Partnership
- Pupils taking part in Strawberry Fair at St. John's Church
- Year group visits to Alnwick Gardens; Whitehouse Farm; the Centre for Life
- Residential to Robinwood for Year 4
- Individual reward for children with 100% attendance and no lateness – 25 children on a trip to a restaurant in Cramlington
- Class award for best attendance throughout the year given to Oak Class – pizza treat afternoon
- Sports' Week
- Operation Encompass instigated at Bedlington Station and across the County (Child Protection initiative)
- Increased governor presence in and around the school
- Google Training from County
- New end of year Report format for parents finalised and applied
- Successful Phonics Screening and Year 2 SATS
- Enterprise Week (Skills to Shine) for Year 6
- Visit to school by East Bedlington Parish Council including a Learning Walk and donation to school of £1200.00
- Meeting for new Reception parents for 2017-18
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly held at new Community Centre
- Nursery Home Visits

We also ran After-School Clubs right across the year, including Film Club, Athletics, Basketball, BrainBusters, Frisbee, Cricket, Futsal, Cornet club and Zumba.

Add to this a relentless drive from all staff to ensure that your children receive the best possible education, not only as regards academic subjects but pastorally as well, and wonderful results from our end of Key Stage results across the school that indicate we are continuing to raise standards. As you would expect, there have been some testing times along the way but you have my sincere gratitude for all the help and support you have given me individually and us as a team. My thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard this year with your children, to you as parents and carers for your positivity, enthusiasm and ideas, but most of all to the children for continuing to welcome me into their school and for their passion for learning, energy, resilience and humour. And whilst I am sad to be saying goodbye to our Year 6 children we all wish them every success as they head off to new adventures and know that they will be absolutely fabulous at whatever they put their mind to.

I also need to say a huge thank you and good bye to some staff who will be leaving us on Friday. We are all so grateful to Mrs Davison, Miss Parmley and Mr Brennan for their work in and around school over the past year and wish them every success in the future.

We already have some exciting things planned for the next school year including Yoga sessions for the school and Balanceability Bikes for our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children and we can't wait to get started. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Tuesday September 5th at 08:45 (or 08:00 for Breakfast Club).**

A quick reminder that school closes promptly at 2.00pm on Friday July 21st.

Lost Property / PE Kits / Packed Lunch Boxes

We will arrange to leave any unclaimed items as noted above out for you to check through before you leave on the last day of term and of course, class teachers will endeavour to reunite children with any lost items before then. After that time, any items of unclaimed clothing that are suitable will be kept by school to be used as "spares". All other items will be disposed of.