

"Speak to our children as if they are the wisest, kindest, most beautiful and magical humans on Earth. For what they believe is what they will become." - Brooke Hampton

celebrating success

Attendance

Oak class had the highest attendance last week with 99%. Whole school was 97%. 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: Elizabeth Laws, Jaxon Routledge, Jaycob Short, Oliver Hampton, Alex Yeats, Oscar Struthers and Daniel Emmerson. 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: Dylan Bell, Millie Loy, Charlie Jones, Willow Reay, Emma Price, Imogen Ullock and Charli-Sioux McLeod. 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: Lewis Toulson, Daniel Lang, Alix Harnett, Aiden Falloon, Alex Roy, Ryleigh Tomlinson and Josie Blackwood. These children were rewarded because of their outstanding behaviour.

important information

E-Safety - Update

At Bedlington Station Primary School we take E-Safety very seriously. Just like supporting our pupils to identify and deal with everyday real life risks, we believe they should be prepared to tackle the risks of online life in a world of quickly evolving cyber technologies. There is an element of E-Safety running through all lessons associated with the internet in school. Children are reminded of the rules of E-safety regularly, particularly at times they are accessing the internet. In addition, they are taught about E-Safety in one discrete and stand-alone lesson once per half term. We plan and deliver a whole school E-safety week once per year. Every year group takes part at an age appropriate level. We use videos and resources from CEOP and other agencies as a stimulus to promote discussions and debate. At all times pupils are reassured and reminded about the actions they should take if they encounter and E-safety risks in their own lives. E-safety forms part of the ongoing safeguarding work in school. All Staff have regular meetings and appropriate training to ensure that the risks of E-safety are demonstrated to pupils in an honest and clear way, while ensuring pupils feel supported.

E-safety is not just a school concern, it pervades all areas of a child's life. In school, E-safety is monitored closely and we hope that through the websites above, and our E-safety updates on our Facebook page, that parents become more aware of the need to monitor children's use of cyber technologies and give them the knowledge and tools to do so.

In school, all adults who use a computer are asked to sign an acceptable use policy in order to access the internet. Without this agreement in place adults are restricted in their use of computers in school. All computers in school have PCE software installed which monitors how the computers in school are used, including sites that are visited and words that are typed (this includes in any software on the computer). Regular summaries are emailed to school and are monitored by the Senior Leadership Team. Our broadband internet is provided through Northumberland County Council. The filters that are used to screen internet content are very reliable and there are clear procedures in place to report any unacceptable content. Everyone in school, both adults and children, have individual usernames and passwords that must be used in order to access computers and the internet.

NSPCC Visit to school

As you will be aware, the NSPCC visited our school today and delivered their "Speak Out. Stay Safe" assembly to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their "fight for every childhood". In order to support this work, I am delighted that our school has chosen to support the valuable contribution made by the NSPCC by taking part in a fundraising event and I would really value your support and encouragement. You will receive a letter giving you all the details but please ask your child to tell you all about it - I'm sure they will do a much better job than my letter. Thank you.

Say No to Bullying

We are shortly going to introduce a new, clearer initiative on bullying across the school which I hope will be a help to children and parents alike. Unfortunately, a flyer was sent home to all families in error last Thursday as we have not launched this in school with the children yet. We aim to do this next week in assemblies and classroom sessions for the children and more information will be sent home to parents then. My apologies for any confusion caused as a result.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon – Friday September 29th at 2.15pm

Please come along and support our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon in the School Hall tomorrow if you can. There will be coffee, tea, cakes, biscuits and raffle tickets for sale and care will be taken by all concerned not to include peanuts or related products. All proceeds will go to MacMillan Cancer Support. Entry to the Coffee Afternoon will be made through the blue gates in the car park with a member of the PTA on hand to guide you. These events are always very popular so please come along to support. Thank you.

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.

EYFS playground update

We are delighted to inform you that we now have an official start date for the works that are scheduled to take place in our Early Years garden. Work is due to commence on Monday 2nd October 2017. We will keep you up to date with the progress of the Play Platch and more information about our grand opening.