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Thought of the Week"I wish I could freeze time or go back in time and watch my kids grow up all over again because it is just aoina by too fast." – Robert Rodriauez

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Attendance

Chestnut class had the highest attendance last week with 98%. Whole school attendance 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: Millie Loy, Ethan Loy, Wiktoria Wojtczak, Jailei Saint, Leon Mudd and Chennai Burns. 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: Thomas Aiston, Nathan Uddgren-Barham, Owen Charlton, Carla Rowlands, Lucas Rushton and Nathan Roy. 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: Leah Rutherford, Chloe Hibberd, Jamie Mason, Shane Mills-Auld, Kristan Watts and Ellie Gee. These children were rewarded because of their outstanding behaviour.

Mathletics

Chestnut class had the highest score with 16,857 points. Shay Foster had the highest score last week with 3,461 points. Well done everyone.

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Sports' Day

It was with considerable regret that I needed to cancel this afternoon's Sports Day. The children were all out on Monday for their full Day of Sports but we have had persistent rain through Monday night and all day Tuesday into the early hours of Wednesday morning. When I checked the state of the field on Wednesday it was already cutting up and will only become more boggy and soft underfoot as time progresses. I have checked the latest weather updates and further rain is forecast later on Wednesday with heavy rain due right through Thursday and we obviously cannot hold a Sports Day under those circumstances. It was not suitable for parents to stand on for any length of time nor for the planned sporting activities to take place safely and without everyone getting very wet and muddy. Due to the sports we had planned and the layout of the school yard, it is sadly not possible to move the location as I cannot make this area of hardstanding safe for children to participate on and parents to watch.

As I said in previous newsletters, in the event of a cancellation through wet weather we will not be able to rearrange the Sports Day for parents and carers to attend as we simply have so much to get through in a very short space of time but we will give the children their Sports Day as soon as we get some sunshine and the field has dried up. They will still have a wonderful time and be able to show off their skills as a whole-school. Please can I ask that the children ensure that they have their PE kit in school every day from Monday to Friday so that we can be ready to have our Sports' Day as soon as the weather brightens and at short notice.

I know that parents and carers and the children will have been disappointed at this news but I took this decision early, (conveyed to you via our website, Facebook page and Parent Text), to limit any inconvenience that this may have caused you and so that you could make alternative arrangements for your afternoon if necessary. It would have been virtually impossible to have contacted everyone had I cancelled it at 11.00 today, for example. I hope that you can understand and support this decision. Thank you.

Kitchen Update

I am delighted to be able to announce that Mrs Fiddaman, who has worked in the kitchen for us for several years, will be taking over the role of Kitchen Unit Manager on a permanent basis from the start of the new term, in September 2017. She is already an invaluable part of our kitchen team along with Miss Parker, and I look forward to her developing her ideas to further enhance the menus and our school meal provision over the coming months. Congratulations!



Robinwood - Sycamore Class

Our Year 4 children returned from Robinwood just after 4:00pm yesterday afternoon and have had an absolutely wonderful time. They challenged themselves and each other and worked hard to achieve their goals with lots of the children doing some activities for the very first time. Just as importantly, however, they had lots of fun whilst they were doing it. Mr Layton kindly put some photographs and information on our Facebook page so that parents could keep in touch with what was happening and he tells me that the whole group were an absolute pleasure to take to Robinwood. What a fantastic team — they were all absolute stars! My thanks also go to the staff, namely Mrs Walker, Mrs Johnston and Mr Layton, who gave up their own time with family in order to ensure that the children could go and without whom, trips like this would not be possible. Thank you!

YR 6 steel pans

Reminder for Year 6 parents regarding the Northern Steel Network Festival of Steel Bands at the Linskill Centre in North Shields on Friday 7th July 2017. If you are intending to attend, please arrive at 9.45am. The festival will begin at 10am and finish at 2pm. We look forward to seeing to seeing those of you who are able to make it. Please remember that the children will come to school as usual in school uniform and be taken and brought back on the bus ready for the end of school. They will require a packed lunch and a water bottle. If your child receives free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided for them.

Summer Fair

Our Summer School Fair is being held on Thursday 6th July 2017, from 3.30pm-5.30pm. Our PTA is currently collecting donations for the tombola, if you would like to donate please hand in your contribution to the school office. Thank you