

"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny, but in ourselves." - William Shakespeare

celebrating success

Attendance

Chestnut class had the highest attendance before half term with 97%. 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.

Mathletics

Sycamore Class had the highest score before half term with 12,221 points. Mathlete of the week was Kierene Chrisp with 4,556 points. Mathlete of the month goes to Alex Roy with a fantastic 5,982 points!

Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work before half term: Courtney-Leigh Scott, Jessica Foster, Alyssa Moore, Finn Besford, Alyssa Mills- Auld, Jailei Saint and Thomas Kerry. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

important information

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to everyone after the half-term break. I hope that you managed to spend some quality time with family and friends and feel refreshed and energised. It was lovely to see all the children back in school at our whole-school singing assembly on Monday morning and many of them have told me about all the exciting things they did on their week away as I have been walking around school. I have been impressed with their desire to also get straight back to their learning in the classrooms, so there is certainly no let-up in our desire to be the best we can be.

Red Watch Assembly - Fireworks and Bonfire Night

As promised, already this week we have had a visit from Red Watch Fire and Rescue Service, who talked to the children at assembly on Wednesday about the need to be safe around fire, bonfires and fireworks, particularly at this time of year. Whether you are attending an organised firework display or putting on something at home or at family or friends', I hope everyone is able to enjoy the fireworks safely this week.

Be Bright and Be Seen this Winter

If you are out and about in the dark, wear something reflective. Attach it to your coat or bag so that you can be bright and be seen.

School Meals – New Winter Menu

I am delighted to announce that our new Winter Menu will be launched this Monday 6th November 2017. It has a range of healthy, nutritious options specially designed for the winter months. As well as the main course, we will continue to offer wraps, sandwiches or jacket potatoes with a range of fillings as well as our paninis. We continue to work hard every day to improve our lunch service. As promised and as a result of feedback from some parents we have added soup to our menu once per week over the winter months. We will monitor the take-up of this initiative closely and see how popular it is with the children. The number of children having school meals remains consistently high and we have also significantly reduced our wastage at the end of service to minimal amounts. Despite price increases from our energy suppliers and recent increases across the board from our produce suppliers, I am still managing to hold the price of a child's meal at £2.00 per day which I believe represents fantastic value for money. So if you haven't given our school meals a try why not see what you think of our new menus.

Please remember that if your child does not receive Free School Meals all dinners need to be paid for, ideally with the correct change in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class on. The new Menu will be published on our website and placed on the school noticeboard in the yard as soon as possible.

Parents' Evenings - Dates for Diaries

Shortly, you will all be sent a letter home about Parents' Evenings, which are taking place on Monday 13th November (appointments from 3:10 to 5:20pm) and Tuesday 14th November (appointments from 3:10 to 6:50pm) after school. Please make sure you sign up for an appointment and if you are unable to make either of those days please speak to your class teacher who will be happy to arrange an alternative appointment at a mutually convenient time. At the end of your meeting with the teacher, you will be given a feedback form to complete. We would be very grateful if you could spare two minutes to write down any thoughts or views you may wish to share. This may be an acknowledgement of things that are going well or an area where you feel we could do better. Any ideas or suggestions on how to improve would be much appreciated. All feedback forms will be read by Mr Sutherland and either he, or a member of the Senior Leadership Team will respond personally to any queries you may have. Please leave them outside the classroom before you leave or hand them in at the Office if you wish them to remain confidential.

Halloween / Bonfire Disco

A big thank you to everyone that came along to the Halloween disco and to our wonderful PTA for organising this event. We will let you know how much was raised on the night towards school activities as soon as we can.

Poppies - Remembrance Sunday

We have been selling Poppies from Monday 30th October for a minimum donation of 50p and will continue to do so until Friday 10th November, just before Remembrance Sunday. This year we will once again be selling other items too such as: friendship bracelets and rulers £1 each and wristbands, reflectors and small boxes of coloured pencils all for 50p each. All proceeds will go towards The Royal British Legion.

Station Star Reward - Gremlins are our winners!

I am delighted to announce that the Gremlins were the latest winners of our Station Stars reward after the spheres for last half term were counted. They were collected by children across the school for good behaviour, politeness and kindness and excellent work. All the Gremlins had time out of class on Wednesday afternoon for a special party in the school hall. Well done Gremlins....I wonder which group will win the reward next time? Keep collecting those spheres!!

School Photographer

Tempest Photography will be visiting school on Tuesday 7th November. All children will have their photograph taken individually, however if you would like a family photo taken with other siblings please ensure you hand in the slip at the bottom of the letter you received before half term by Monday 6th November. If you require another copy of this letter please ask at the school office.

Learning Ladders update

Your child's Learning Ladders will be updated for last half-term and ready to view by Friday 3rd November. Remember, if you haven't already signed up or are having trouble logging on, please contact the school office to make an appointment with Miss Tuart who will be happy to spend some time with you.

Website: www.laddersathome.co.uk