

Thought of the Week: "Family is not an important thing; it's everything." – Michael J Fox

## celebrating success

### Attendance

Rowan class had the highest attendance last week with 98.2%. 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.

### Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work before half term: Corey Stoker, Ajay Elliot, Charlie Ullock, Bethany Carr, Kaiden Carrick, Charlie-Soux McLeod and Ebony Jobson Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

### Mathletics

Chestnut class had the highest score before half term with 15,024 points. Josie Blackwood had the highest points before half term with 2,927 points. Well done

## important information

### Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all children, parents and carers after the half-term holiday. I hope that you all had a wonderful week enjoying some beautiful weather and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. It is lovely to see everyone back again, refreshed and ready for the last half term of the academic year. Time has passed so quickly and we have a lot of activities to pack in to the last 6 weeks or so of the term.

Year 1 children will shortly be taking their Phonic Screening in school and all are feeling very prepared and confident. If parents in Year 1 have any questions about the Phonics Screening, which is a statutory test of children's phonic knowledge, please feel free to speak to Miss Johnson or myself when I am on the yard.

All teaching staff are looking carefully at the progress each child has made in school over the past year and are using this information to compile their End of Year School Reports. Our aim is that these will be sent home for parents and carers on Friday, July 7th.

Finally, I do try to be out on the yard at the beginning or end of every day and sometimes manage to do both. If, however, you would like to talk to me about anything at all, be it a suggestion for improvement, an idea you may have or even a problem or worry, please don't hesitate to come and speak to me or make an appointment at the school office. I am only too happy to listen and if I can do something to help, I will.

Have a wonderful rest of the term!

### Attendance

Our overall school attendance for the academic year remains good and slightly above our school target at around 96-97%. However, it can be better and I would ask that you try to ensure that your child is in school on time and ready to start every day. It really does make a difference to have a smooth start to the day which impacts positively on all the children in the school.

Some exciting news is that we have reached the cut-off point in the year for the special attendance rewards I announced at the start of the academic year in September. These incentives have really helped to further promote our fantastic attendance.

We have an individual prize for those children who have 100% attendance with no latenesses up to and including Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Each child who has managed to achieve this will receive a personalised letter inviting them for a special lunch at a local restaurant. We will aim to leave school to arrive at the restaurant for 11.30 and will return to school for 1.00pm. We will let the children choose from their menu in advance and of course they will be able to have drinks and a delicious pudding at the end. Mrs Rozgowska who leads on Attendance and myself, together with Mrs Foster, the EWO for our school within County, will be joining the children to ensure that they have the best possible experience.

As soon as the date is set and the restaurant has been booked we will send out the invitations, so look out for those special letters coming home and well done to every one of you. You thoroughly deserve your treat.

We also have a class prize for the class that has achieved the highest number of weekly attendance percentages. They will be able to choose a special half day activity event that they will attend with their classmates such as bowling, a trip to the cinema or perhaps a pool party. We will announce the class winners in next week's "Station Voice" and hopefully be able to let you know which treat they have chosen.

### **Monkton Stadium – Years 5 and 6**

Yesterday, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils spent the day at Monkton Stadium in South Tyneside which is a major athletics venue that hosts both regional and national events. The stadium offers track and field events and coaching in many sports, as well as being the home of Jarrow and Hebburn Athletics Club. The children spent the day challenging themselves and pitting themselves against many other schools in a range of athletic events. They all had a wonderful day, despite the occasional shower, and naturally displayed the highest standards of behaviour at all times. I am very proud of them all.

### **Sponsored Bounce**

Please note that, due to forecasts of inclement weather, we have moved our Sponsored Bounce to tomorrow, Friday 9th June. We are hoping that the rain will stop and the children can all have some fun and raise some money for our good cause. Fingers crossed!

### **Learning Ladders update**

Your child's Learning Ladders will be updated for last half-term and ready to view by Friday 9th June. Remember, if you haven't already signed, it's not too late to do so. If you have misplaced your login details, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to provide them for you.

**Website:** [www.laddersathome.co.uk](http://www.laddersathome.co.uk)

### **PTA**

Our PTA are currently taking gift donations for our tombola stand at our Summer School Fair. Can we ask that all donations are handed in to the school office. Thank you