

Thought of the Week: "I have found that if you love life, life will love you back" - Arthur Rubinstein

celebrating success

Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Lewis Botterill, Kasey Humble, Sean Jackson, Jailei Saint, Charli-Sioux McLeod, Katie Agnew and Andrew Condie. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Star of the Week

Star of the Week certificates were given to the following children: Thomas Hanlon, Willow Reay, Alex Roy, Conner Dodds, Aleisha Alexander, Chennai Burns and Tanya Watts. These children all had Star Tea with Mr Sutherland due to their exemplary attitude.

Attendance

Oak class once again had the highest attendance last week with 99% and whole school was 98%. Well done everyone!! Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend.

Ice Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at ice-cream Friday last week: Sophia Halliday, Callum Darby, Alyssa Mills-Auld, Nikita Linney, Rebecca Hanlon, Jack Stafford and Saphyre Alexander. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

Mathletics KS2

Oak had the highest score last week with 9,670 points and Keigan Jackson had the highest individual score with 4,740 points. Well done everyone!

important information

Parents Evening and Feedback Forms

A huge thank you to those parents, grandparents and carers who were able to join us for Parents' Evenings on Monday and Tuesday of this week. I hope that you found it helpful to catch up with your child's class teacher on how your child is progressing this year and that you had a chance to look through some of their wonderful work in their books. Many of those who attended kindly completed one of our Parent Feedback Forms which is very much appreciated. I have read them all personally and will be discussing any issues with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) here in school. Either myself or a member of the SLT will respond personally to any queries you may have noted. I am delighted that the feedback has all been extremely positive about our school and the teaching and learning that takes place here and any comments that have been made have been very helpful and constructive as we aim to improve wherever we can.

Parent View

Thank you also to those parents and carers who completed the online survey on the Ofsted website. I have looked at the initial results and will use these indicators as well as our evaluation forms and discussions with parents throughout the term to ensure that we always strive to be the very best that we can be and make any changes we can, with the best interests of all our children at the forefront of our minds.

Her Majesty, The Queen's 90th Birthday – April 21st 2016

Her Majesty The Queen will be celebrating her birthday on Thursday April 21st 2016 and we intend to have a themed school meal that day, in honour of the event. We will have balloons, bunting and flags in school and will decorate the Hall so that we can join her in celebrating this significant milestone. We are creating a special menu for the day and will let you know well in advance so that your children can choose a school dinner on that day if they wish to. In addition, we are thinking of having a special Breakfast Club on that morning as well if there is sufficient interest and again, will give you more information a little nearer the event.

Sports Relief.....please turn over



Sports Relief

This year we are really excited to be raising money for Sport Relief 2016! As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise cash and change lives. Sport Relief 2016 will be kicking off in schools and nurseries on Friday 18th March, our school has decided to get involved and help raise money for this incredible cause. There is a sponsor form accompanying the newsletter.

To do our bit and raise money we will be:

Running a sponsored mile on Friday 18th March

Please ensure that your child brings their trainers or sandshoes and water bottle.

And, the best bit is, the money raised by the public is spent by Comic Relief to help people living incredibly tough lives, both at home in the UK and across the world's poorest countries. To learn more about how Comic Relief spends the money raised for Sport Relief please visit sportrelief.com/schools.

We will also be using Sport Relief as a teaching opportunity so that our students can learn about the issues children across the world face, and how the money we raise can help them.

We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll have fun helping our school raise lots of money for Sport Relief!

We will be selling Sports Relief wristbands for £1 each from Monday 14th March, they will be sold around school in the same way as the Poppies were in November. We only have a limited supply, so they will be served on a first come first served basis. Thank you.

End of Term Reminder

School will close for the Easter Holidays on Thursday 24th March at 2.00pm.

Doors will re-open on Tuesday 12th April at 8.45am.

Breakfast club will open on Tuesday 12th April at 8.00am

Comedy Night

Please don't forget to get your tickets (£5 per person) for the Comedy Night on Friday 11th March (tomorrow) (over 18's only). It will be a fun night with plenty of laughter. Please call at the school office for your tickets. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please, please, please don't forget to bring in your Sainsbury's vouchers you can place them in the box situated in the main entrance. Thank you.

Free! Fun! Childcare for 2 year olds!

Evidence shows that good quality childcare for 2-year-olds provides real benefits in terms of children's early language skills, physical, social and emotional development which will benefit them in later life.

If your child is 2 before the 31st March 2016, find out if you could be entitled to up to 15 hours of free childcare for your 2 year old from April 2016 by visiting www.northumberland.gov.uk/freechildcare or calling 01670 623592