

Thought of the Week: "Thank you for everything. My last ask is the same as my first. I'm asking you to believe – not in my ability to create change, but in yours." – Barack Obama

Attendance

Beech class had the highest attendance last week with 99% and whole school attendance was 97%. Well done everyone! Please don't forget to ring school on 01670 822326 if your child is unwell or unable to attend school.

Mathletics

Oak class again had the highest score last week with 7,312 points and Keira O'Brien had the highest score last week with 4,559 points. Eva Halliday had the highest individual score for December with 4943 points.

Important information

Special "All Day Breakfast" / Brunch to be served on Thursday 19th January 2017

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we will be having a special School Lunch on Thursday 19th January. All those children having a School Lunch on that day have the option of having an All Day Breakfast / Brunch which will include eggs and bacon, sausage, a waffle, beans and toast. There will be a Brownie for pudding and a choice of orange or apple juice to drink. What's more, every child ordering an All Day Breakfast will be automatically entered into a raffle with 3 lucky winners receiving a £5.00 voucher to spend. The draw will be made during our Friday assembly with the names of the lucky winners drawn from a hat. We will offer a small range of meal alternatives such as a wrap or jacket potato if any children would prefer this option and salad will still be available also. However, we are hoping that everyone will give the special dinner a try! All this for £2.00 per child which I believe represents real value for money. Come and give our dinners a try if you haven't already. **Don't forget – Thursday 19th January 2017! Put it in your diary now!**

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you know that your child may be entitled to free school meals, they are not automatically available, as an application needs to be completed and returned to school or the free school meal office at County Hall. An application cannot be made retrospectively as the process is a set criteria and there is no appeal process.

You can apply either by:

- Free school meal online or via the school office
- Telephone: 01670 623 592

Paper copies can be sent on completion to: FSM Office, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF

Benefit details can be checked on receipt. However, if confirmation cannot be found, you will be contacted to provide proof of benefit.

Parent Governor Vacancies on our Governing Body

This is just advance notice to inform you that we have 2 vacancies for Parent Governors to sit on our school's Governing Body. This is an exciting opportunity for parents to have an additional voice on the running of our school and be a proactive part of its future development and success. A letter to all parents will be going home next week giving you more information about the process and letting you how you might become involved, should you wish.

School Admissions for Children starting in RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2017 - Final Reminder

The Online Portal will close on Sunday 15th January 2017 for First/Primary or Academy school places for children starting in September 2017. All parents must make an application either online or on a paper copy (available on request) or ring 01670 624889.