

Thought of the Week: "If you really want to do something, you will find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse." – Jim Rohn

celebrating success

Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Charlie Jones, Kirah O'Brien, Emma Price, Harlee Jobson, Connor Charlton, Andrew Dodds and Tanya Watts. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Mathletics – KS2

KS2 Mathletics winners last week were Chestnut class with 21,561 points. Jailei Saint had the highest points last week with 3,340. Well done!!

Star of the Week

Star of the Week certificates were given to the following children: Layton Davidson, Caitlin Charlton, Robbie Holman, Toni-Lea Hudspith, Alisha Marshall, Jess Sterry and Rachael Holman. These children all had Star Tea with Mr Sutherland due to their exemplary attitude.

Ice-Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at ice-cream Friday last week: Thomas Hanlon, Levi Graham, Lennon Gibbon, Evan Reed, Alisha Marshall, Samantha Arkle and Beth Darbyshire. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

Pudding of the Week

The pudding of the week was chosen by Acorn class and the children are very excited about their creation. It is called '**Professor Crankpot's Tremendously Tasty Treat**' and it will be served on Thursday 19th November.

Attendance

Chestnut class had the highest attendance last week with 100%, this is excellent! Whole school attendance was 96%. Well done again everyone! Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend school. Thank you.

important information

Remembrance, the Poppy Appeal and Two Minutes Silence

Thank you for your generous donations over the past few weeks. Children have been buying poppies, friendship bracelets and rulers as a means to contribute to this cause. I know that some of you may have attended ceremonies on Remembrance Sunday, perhaps in church or in your community, or at a sporting event. At Bedlington Station Primary, we held a beautifully observed Two Minute Silence during our whole-school assembly on Monday, in which we remembered those who have made sacrifices for our freedom, both in the past and currently. We talked about Armistice Day itself, being at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, which marked the end of the First World War and wanted to ensure that we could remember it together, as a whole school.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend our Parents' Evenings on Monday and Tuesday of this week. We were delighted to see you all in school and hope that you found the chance to talk to your child's class teacher helpful. If you were unable to make your appointment for any reason or could not attend and would like to, please contact your child's teacher or the school office and we will be happy to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. I think it's so important that we get the chance to meet with you to share and celebrate your child's achievements at least once per term if possible. Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete one of our Evaluation Forms. We had 26 returned to us but if you haven't returned yours yet please bring it to the school office and they will ensure that they are passed to me. I have read each one and they are overwhelmingly positive about the school and the teaching and learning that happens here which is so pleasing for me to read. Either myself or a member of SLT will get back to individual parents where a query has been raised and a response is required but I do know from reading the forms that most issues have been resolved with the class teacher on the night. Thank you once again for your support of our lovely school but please don't wait for another Parents' Evening or Evaluation Form if you have a query or question in the future; either catch me in the yard or make an appointment and I will be happy to help.

Children in Need

Don't forget that Children in Need day is tomorrow, Friday 13th November. The theme is to dress up as Heros and we would be grateful for a £1.00 donation if your child would like to take part. I hope they have lots of fun!

Cinema Trips

We were delighted to be able to secure free cinema tickets for some of our younger children this week. As part of the Free 'IntoFilm' Film Festival, Maple class attended a special screening of 'Into the Woods' at the Vue, Cramlington on Wednesday 11th November. Acorn, Willow and Beech classes will be attending a screening of 'The Princess and the Frog' at the same cinema tomorrow. Whilst I hope this will be a special event for the children, who I know are really excited about their visit, our aim is also to integrate elements of the stories and their experiences into the curriculum over the coming weeks. I hope they had a wonderful time.

Bikeability

Bikeability has been taking place in school this week for our year 4, 5 and 6 children. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in this really important training and congratulations to all those children who have passed. They will all receive certificates in due course. I do believe it's vital for children to understand the dangers that are prevalent on our roads and how important it is for them to be aware that their bike should be roadworthy, their lights should be switched on in the dark and that they should wear a helmet. Also, I wanted to say that I believe that there might have been a little last minute confusion about the arrangements for this week's Bikeability surrounding which bikes were required on which day and I apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

School Photographs

Please don't forget to return your school photograph orders **before** next Thursday 19th November lunchtime so that orders can be sent to Tempest and returned in time for Christmas. Thank you.

School Admissions for Children starting in Reception September 2016

The Online Portal is now OPEN for First and Primary School Places for children starting school in September 2016. It will be open from 2nd November 2015 until 15th January 2016.

East Bedlington Community Centre

I thought you might like to read an extract from a Press Release from East Bedlington Parish Council, just to keep you informed of some exciting things happening in our community in 2016.

Community Centre Trustees land £845,715 Big Lottery investment for new £1.3m community facilities in Bedlington Station

Trustees at East Bedlington Community Centre are celebrating receiving the largest grant awarded in Northumberland. The £845,715 grant awarded by Big Lottery Reaching Communities (Buildings) will ensure that work can start on renovating the former co-operative hall in Station Street, Bedlington Station. This will include extending the existing community facilities to three floors which will provide modern, accessible amenities for the whole community. The project will see the redevelopment of the lower floor to provide improved office accommodation, public access IT facilities, refurbished kitchen and meeting space, new activity space for youth facilities and indoor bowls along with an 8 person passenger lift accessing all three floors. The second floor will see the exciting development of Platform 1 - a refurbished ballroom that will provide a multi-use space including community theatre and cinema, refurbishment of the existing stage and green room facilities along with a new licensed community café. In addition there will be a new mezzanine level providing a seating/meeting area and additional storage and office accommodation. When complete the project will create up to 7 new jobs as well as opportunities for volunteering and work experience. It is hoped that work to refurbish the Community Centre will start in early 2016 and will take around 28 weeks to complete.

Lost Property

Please can we ask that you check your child's cardigans and sweatshirts to ensure that they have not picked up the wrong one by mistake. Thank you.