

Thought of the Week: "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world" – Nelson Mandela

celebrating success

Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week:

Hollie McMurdo, Millie Barker, Owen Charlton, Charlotte Mason, Kelsie Saddler, Samantha Arkle and Jaydin Chivers.

Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Star of the Week

Star of the Week Certificates were all given to the following children: Matthew Rutland, Harry Mason, Hayden Clark, Imogen Ullock, Jamie Hardy, Lewis Stanton and Nathan Gradwell.

These children all had Star Tea with Mr Sutherland due to their exemplary attitude.

Attendance

Willow and Oak classes both had the highest attendance last week with 99%. Whole school was above our target at 97% and this is the highest whole school attendance since the beginning of term.

Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend school. Thank you.

Pudding of the Week

The pudding of the week was chosen by Maple class and the children are very excited about their creation. It is called 'The Witch's Stew' and it will be served on Thursday 22nd October.

Mathletics – KS2

KS2 Mathletics winners last week was Oak class with 18,210 points and Charlie Storey had the highest points last week with 6260. Well done everyone!

important information

Harvest Festival

Yesterday, we held a whole-school Harvest Festival in our Hall. The children had all prepared stories, poems, plays and songs and they performed them brilliantly for everyone to enjoy. We talked together about why this time of year is special for collecting in the harvest, how we can help other people through our thoughtfulness and kindness and even managed to identify some healthy foods along the way. We were joined by morning Nursery, (Acorn Class), who started our assembly off in fine style with a song complete with all the actions.

At the end of the assembly I thanked the children for bringing in contributions over the past few days which are very gratefully received and will be distributed to our local community through the Matthew Project which is based in Bedlington through the Bedlington Christian Fellowship. In addition, Reverend Ian also presented our school with £82 which was raised at St. Johns Harvest Festival last Sunday and will be put towards funds to help run our Breakfast Club, which runs every morning from 08:00am.

Thank you all for your continued support of our school and the community.

Colder Weather

As the weather is becoming colder and slightly more unpredictable can I please ask that parents and carers ensure that their children come to school with appropriate, suitable clothing? Our aim is to always get the children some time outside either at break or lunchtime, unless the weather is particularly unsuitable of course. I have noticed quite a few children coming to school without a coat and if the weather turns chilly or there are spots of rain through the morning they have nothing to put on at playtime. As always, it really helps if your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name as items can go missing from time to time as I'm sure you understand. Thank you.

Dogs

Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted to be brought onto school premises. This is to ensure the continued health and safety of the children on and around the yard and school site. Can I make a plea that, should your dog "mess" the pavement or area around our school gates whilst you are dropping your child off at school, can you please clean up after your dog and dispose of it in a suitable place outside school premises. It has been brought to my attention that we seem to have an increasing amount of dog "mess" outside our school and I would ask for your continued vigilance to keep this away from the gates and public footpaths.

Parking

Can I please ask that parents and carers take care when dropping off and picking up their children and the beginning and the end of the day. Please park carefully in order to avoid requiring other parents and children to walk on the road in order to get round a badly parked car or one that has been parked half on the pavement. I realise that this is an issue outside school boundaries but I am sure that everyone wants to work to keep the children in our community safe when around school premises. Thank you, in advance, for your co-operation.

Red Watch - Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

We have organised a visit from members of Red Watch Fire and Rescue for the first week back after half term. They will come in to talk to the children in a special assembly about the dangers and hazards of fire and what to do to stay safe, particularly with bonfire and firework season almost upon us. We are very grateful for this time that they are able to spend with us, especially at this busy time of year and hope that this focus will help ensure that our children are sensible around bonfires and fireworks and that they stay safe!

Year 6 Residential Trip to London – Monday 18th to Wednesday 21st October 2015

Next Monday, our Year 6s will be heading down to London for a 3 day trip to the Capital city. Having seen the schedule of events I know they are all going to have a wonderful, action-packed time and will return full of stories about the things they have seen and the adventures they have had. If you have any last minute questions or worries please don't hesitate to contact the school Office and we will be happy to help. Can I take this opportunity to thank all members of our staff who are giving up time with their own families in making the trip in order to support your children. Have a wonderful time and I can't wait to hear all about it!

Halloween Disco

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Halloween disco at Bedlington Station Social Club on Wednesday 28th October from 6.00pm until 8.30pm. Please come dressed to scare. Prizes for the best costumes - both adults and children

There will be hotdogs, cupcakes and sweets on sale.

Tickets are £1 each for both adults and children

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO THE DISCO

Tickets will be available in the School Hall **TONIGHT** at 3.00pm

(Entry for purchasing tickets will be via the school hall white fire exit door)

Dates for your Diary

Fri 23rd Oct - 3.00pm Autumn half term begins

Mon 2nd Nov - Breakfast Club re-opens 8.00am - School doors open 8.45am, School begins promptly at 8.50am.

Wed 4th Nov - School Photographer - Please see accompanying letter

Week commencing 9th November we will be holding Parents Evenings, a letter with dates and times will be sent out after half term.

REMINDER - Admissions for Y6 to High Schools and Secondary Schools

If your child is in Year 6 it is now time to apply for their place at High or Secondary school. The E-admissions portal opened on the 7th September 2015 and will close on 31st October 2015.

Please go to www.northumberland.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions for information, handbooks and application forms. Paper forms are available on request from: School Admissions Team, Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF