



"No one has ever written a romance better than we lived it" – Lauren Bacall (about her husband Humphrey Bogart)

## celebrating success

### Attendance

Rowan class had the highest attendance last week with 100%. 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.

### Star of the Week

Star of the Week Certificates were all given to the following children: Aimeleigh Marshall, Katie Gudgen, Nathan Uddgren-Barham, Abbey Scott, Georgia Fullen, Holly Mills-Auld and Katie Agnew. These children all had Star Tea with Mr Sutherland due to their exemplary attitude.

### Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Grant Holman, Alyssa Moore, Ethan Jackson, Robbie Holman, Chelsea Packer, Lacie Temperley and Nathan Roy. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

### Ice Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice-cream Friday last week: Daniel Lang, Ajay Elliott, Kirah O'Brien, Liam Brown, Jailei Saint, Kristan Watts and Keigan Jackson. These children were rewarded because of their tremendous behaviour.

### Mathletics

Chestnut class had the highest score with 32,682 points. Adam Lang had the highest score last week with 8,820 points. Well done everyone.

## important information

### Parent Governor Update

You will remember that last Thursday, I informed parents that we had received 3 nominations to be parent governors which meant that, as we only have 2 vacancies, we needed to hold an election in the coming weeks. Since that newsletter, however, one of the candidates has decided to withdraw, which leaves us 2 candidates for 2 positions and an election is no longer required. I am therefore delighted to be able to welcome Mrs Julie Foster and Mrs Victoria Moore to our Governing Body. I know that they are both passionate about ensuring that the children have the very best educational provision and will bring significant skills and experience to our already strong Governing Body. Thank you for putting yourselves forward and volunteering to help shape the future of our wonderful school.

I would also like to acknowledge the huge support given to the school over the past few years by Mrs Clare Mason, who has decided not to seek election for a further term now that she has reached the end of her current term of office. She has made a significant impact right across the school and her presence on the Governing Body has always added rigour and challenge to the strategic process of making our school the very best it can be. On behalf of the children, parents, staff and governors we would like to thank you for your contribution and I know that, as a parent, you will continue to be an influence on our future for many years to come.

### Collecting children at the end of the day - Important

Can I remind all parents and carers that staff are only authorised to hand over a child at the end of a school day to a responsible adult. This will either be the parent or carer of the child or an adult nominated by them to collect their child in their absence. This applies to all children from Nursery through to the end of Year 4 and includes any children in Years 5 and 6 who have not been given permission by their parent to walk home on their own, via an authorised consent slip given to school. For obvious reasons, I have instructed staff not to release a child to an adult whom we don't recognise or a teenager who is, or appears to be, under the age of 16, even if that person is an older brother or sister. For the avoidance of doubt I would ask parents to please contact the school office to let us know as soon as possible on any given day if there are any changes to collection arrangements. Thank you.

## **Reading Week at Bedlington Station Primary School and World Book Day – Thursday March 2nd 2017**

During the week beginning 27th February we will be promoting reading with a designated session every day for extra reading, comprehension skills and time to just enjoy the wonderful world of books. At the end of each day during the week I will also be popping into classrooms across the school to hear some children read and to talk about our favourite books and what it is about them that we love. We will also be asking the children to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character on Thursday 2nd March which is World Book Day this year and we would really appreciate your help with their transformations. Please note that a financial contribution is not required for this initiative.

## **Parents' Evenings March 2017 – Advance Notice**

So that you can put the dates in your diary, this is to let you know that spring term Parents' Evenings will be on Monday 20th March (3.10pm – 6.50pm) and Tuesday 21st March (3.10pm – 5.20pm). As is traditional, a selection of your child's books will be out for you to view. The sign-up sheets will be put up outside classrooms in plenty of time, after the half term break. We really hope that as many parents as possible will be able to attend.

## **Denim for Diabetes Day**

Thank you to all those children and members of staff who were able to support our initiative to raise funds for this really important cause. In one day we managed to raise the sum of £174.70. The children and staff attended an assembly given by staff from Investing in Children about their "Type 1 Kidz" Project. This is a local project which helps to support children and young people in the North East to manage their diabetes the best they can. If you would like to learn more about this project, please visit [www.type1kidz.com](http://www.type1kidz.com). As a school we have decided to give some of the money raised to this project to help them continue their work, as well as making a donation to Diabetes UK. Thank you so much for your support.

## **Half Term Reminder**

Just a reminder that school will close at **3:00pm tomorrow, Friday 17th February** for the half term break. We will re-open again on **Monday 27th February 2017 at 08:00am for Breakfast Club and then at 08:45am for the whole school.**

Have a wonderful week with your family and friends.