

"Thought of the Week: "In the end, only three things matter: how much you loved, how gently you lived and how gracefully you let go of things not meant for you." Buddha

## celebrating success

### Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Charlie Ullock, Mackenzie Linney, Lucy Lynn, Connor Charlton, Jack Stafford, Brandon Flannagan and Millie Thornton. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

### Manners the Monkey

Manners the Monkey is in our school to help develop good manners in all our children. Staff chose two children who showed wonderful manners in and around school last week. They were able to choose a special prize to take home and the children were Megan Philpott and Finn Besford.

### Ice-Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice-cream Friday last week: Willow Reay, Lennon Gibbon, Andrew Jones, Kristan Watts, Jess Sterry Travis Randall and Cameron Bowman. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

### Attendance

Oak and Maple classes had the highest attendance last week with 99%. Whole school attendance was 96% this is once again above our target. Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is unable to attend school. Thank you.

## important information

### Important Information

As I write this newsletter, I find it difficult to believe that we are now at the end of the academic year. The months have passed so quickly and it doesn't seem 5 minutes since I was introducing myself as your new Head Teacher.

During our first year together we have accomplished many things and here are some of the highlights:

successful residential trips to London and Robinwood; a wonderful creative curriculum project over a whole half term in "Portal Design"; class trips to locations such as Whitehouse Farm and Alnwick Gardens; a completely revamped school meals menu with more choice and new options; new playground equipment installed; a redesigned homework package; "Mathletics" launched for Key Stage 2 children as a fun way to help speed up calculation in maths; BikeAbility for years 4, 5 and 6; a refreshed weekly Newsletter and the installation of a brand new IT network across the school.

Add to this a relentless drive from all staff to ensure that your children receive the best possible education, not only as regards academic subjects but pastorally as well, and wonderful results from our end of Key Stage results across the school that indicate we are continuing to raise standards.

I hope you agree that this has been a wonderful year. I feel very much at home here in Bedlington Station and thank you for your support of me in my first year as a Head Teacher. My thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard this year with your children, to you as parents and carers for your positivity, enthusiasm and ideas, but most of all to the children for welcoming me into their school and for their passion for learning, energy, resilience and humour. Whilst I am sad to be saying goodbye to our Year 6 children we all wish them every success as they head off to new adventures and know that they will be absolutely fabulous at whatever they put their mind to.

**Tomorrow - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July Non Uniform Day – if you wish your child to participate**

## Summer Fair

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise, manned a stall and came along and joined in the fun at our summer fair. Thanks to you all we have raised a fantastic £480 towards our school.

## Lost Property

We will leave any remaining lost property out at the end of the school day on Friday. Please ensure that you claim anything that is yours at this time. I would be grateful if you could ensure the children have taken home with them any coats or jackets, PE kits and lunchboxes that may have accumulated on pegs or trolleys over the last few days. Anything that is left at the end of the day will either be taken to a local charity shop if appropriate or disposed of.

## Medication

Please can we ask if your child has any medication in school (inhalers etc) that they do not use or you think they may need updating, can you collect them from the school office. Thank you.

## Summer Holidays

A quick reminder that school closes at 2.00pm (tomorrow) Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 08:45 (or 08:00 for Breakfast Club).

## Toy Donations

If you have any prams, dolls or scooters or even a childrens' iron and ironing board that your child no longer uses please can Willow class have them in September?

## Action for Children Playgroup

Monday to Friday - 9.15am until 12.15pm

£10.00 per session (term time only)

For children aged between 2 and 3

Call Julie on 01670 822714 for further information or visit [www.centralchildrenscentres.org.uk](http://www.centralchildrenscentres.org.uk)

FREE Early Education for Two year olds

Did you know that if your child is 2 years old and you are in receipt of at least one benefit or your child is looked after by the state, they will be eligible for 15 hours of free education per week?

Please contact free childcare on 01670 623592 or visit [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk)