

Thought of the Week "What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." - Pericles

celebrating success

Head Teacher Awards

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

Matthew Rutland, Rhys Crocker, Emma Price, Carla Rowlands, Leon Mudd, Kain O'Brien and Saphyre Alexander. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Attendance

Sycamore class had the highest attendance last week with 97% and whole school attendance was 94%.

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

Ice-Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice-Cream Friday last week: Sophie Hudspith, Abbey Scott, Jack Simpson, Jailei Saint, Kelsie Saddler, Lewis Stanton and Nathan Gradwell. These children were rewarded for their exemplary behaviour.

Star of the Week

Star of the Week Certificates were given to the following children: Kelsey-Leigh Gair, Willow Reay, Brooke Jobson, Justin Cook, Kelsie Saddler, Ellie Gee and Chloe Watson. These children all had Star Tea with Mr Sutherland due to their exemplary attitude.

Mathletics

Sycamore class had the highest points last week with 16,059 points. Katie Kerry had the highest individual score last week with 11,140 points, but also had the highest score for May with 40,690 points! Well done!!

important information

Year 1 Phonics / Year 2 & Year 6 Work

Our Year 1 children took their Phonic Screening this week and I am so proud of each and every one of them. They all did themselves proud and performed brilliantly, reading a selection of words aloud to a member of staff. I thought you also might like to know that we had some visitors from the Local Authority looking at the work of our Year 2 and Year 6 children on Monday and Tuesday respectively. All were really impressed with the standard of work that has been produced this year, not only as regards quantity but as importantly, quality and presentation. Well done to all of you and thank you to all the members of staff here who ensure that the children are always working to the highest possible standards.

Year 6 Trip to London – October 2016

Current Year 5 parents recently received a letter with information about this forthcoming trip in October, when of course the children will be in Year 6. Mr Layton arranged a meeting for parents last Wednesday, June 8th in order to give a little more detail. The meeting wasn't as well attended as we had expected but this may have been due to the children also returning from Monkton Station on the same afternoon at roughly the same time. The children were expected back for 3.30pm, (the time the meeting was due to start), but unfortunately due to heavy traffic, they were delayed by about 15 minutes. I am sorry if this led to difficulties for parents and carers but I am sure you will appreciate that we do our best to stick to timings. Occasionally things happen that are beyond our control and, bearing in mind the children were returning from a full day in South Tyneside, I think everyone concerned did very well. My apologies for any inconvenience caused.

To support parents and carers of children in Year 5, Mr Layton sent out another letter to your home giving further details and information. If, after receiving this letter you would be happier to talk through any questions you may have in person, please make an appointment via the School Office to see Mr Layton. He will be happy to meet with you individually or, if there are a few of you, as a small group.

Attendance

Last week I told you about the two special rewards we have for children concerning attendance. We have an individual prize for those children who have 100% attendance with no latenesses up to and including Friday 27th May 2016. I am delighted to announce that 23 children achieved this wonderful milestone this academic year. Each child who has managed to achieve this will receive a personalised letter inviting them for a special lunch at Prezzo's in Cramlington. We will leave school to arrive at the restaurant for 11.30am and will return to school for 1.00pm. We will let the children choose from their menu in advance and of course they will be able to have drinks and a delicious pudding at the end. Mrs Rozgowska who leads on Attendance and myself, together with Mrs Molloy, the Attendance Lead for our school within County, will be joining the children to ensure that they have the best possible experience. Please note that I have had to change the date to July 18th as we are just so busy with trips and events in school that some of the children would have missed out. The restaurant has been booked so if you think it might be you, look out for those special letters coming home over the next week or so! How exciting?

We also have a class prize for the class that has achieved the highest number of weekly attendance percentages. The winners this year are Oak Class. Congratulations to all the pupils in Year 6 who have contributed as a team to win this award. They will be able to choose a special half day activity event that they will attend with their classmates such as bowling, a trip to the cinema or perhaps a pool party.

Reading Week / Lunch for Parents in school

A huge thank you to those parents and carers who have been able to join us in school to share some curriculum activities with their child as well as a lunch from our menu. I know that the children have loved having you in school and the parents I have spoken to seem to overwhelmingly feel that it has been a really positive experience. It is lovely for you to be able to see how well the children are achieving first-hand. Many of you have asked if we can do activities such as this more frequently and my aim is to be able to invite parents into school at least once per term in future. Thank you so much for your continued support of our school and of the children's efforts.

Y6 Leavers Assembly

Early information for Y6 Parents and Carers, the Y6 leavers Assembly/Performance will be held on Tuesday 19th July at 9.30am in the School Hall.

School Council

Don't forget that we are in the process of setting up our very own School Council. This week, the candidates have been thinking about their manifestos and of the main points they want to put across to the electorate next week. They all worked very hard with Mr Layton and Miss Sandison on Tuesday and were ably supported by some of our Year 6 children in ensuring that everyone is clear what each candidate is standing for. Those children elected will represent the views of all pupils to improve our school. As a school we will be taking part in a "Democracy Week" next week including a special Election Day on Thursday, June 23rd 2016. All children will come to our special Polling Station in order to cast their vote. All these activities link to our work in school on the principles which underpin British Values and learning about the democratic process and *vox populae*, the voice of the people, is very much part of this.

Dinner Money

Please can we remind you that all school meals that are not free must be paid for on a regular basis. Please can you pay at the beginning of each week. Thank you.

Uniform

If you wish to order school uniform please complete the accompanying order form and return to school as soon as possible. You can pay straight away or when we return in September, please note uniform once paid for, will be given to your child to bring home at the end of their school day in September.

European Championship Football – England v Wales 2.00pm Thursday 16th June 2016

I know that not everyone is a football fan but I thought it might be nice for those who are if we all watched the first half of the game on the big screen in the Hall. Occasions like this don't happen very often and the children have worked so hard this term so I think we can afford to have an hour out of classrooms as a treat. We will of course make activities available in classrooms for those children who do not follow football and staff will be there to support and supervise. I am writing this before the game kicks off somay the best team win!