

Thought of the Week: "What day is it?" asked Pooh. "It's today," squeaked Piglet. "My favourite day," said Pooh. — A.A. Milne

## celebrating success

### Attendance

Chestnut class had the highest attendance last week with 99%. Whole school attendance was 97%. This is great everyone! Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend.

### Star of the Week

Star of the Week Certificates were given to the following children: Leon Price, Matthew Rutland, Bradley Johnstone, Abbie Gair, Kaiden Carrick, Rebecca Hanlon and Zak Parkin. 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: Maddison Gear, Ellis Thompson, Rhys Crocker, Hayden Clark, Chelsie Packer, Josie Blackwood and Kain O'Brien. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

### Ice-Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at last week at Ice-Cream Friday: Logan Hutchison, Mason Lynn, Mya Armstrong, Emma Price, Shane Mills-Auld, Keira O'Brien and Bethany Barrett. These children were rewarded for their exemplary behaviour.

### Mathletics

Sycamore class again had the highest with 31,207 points. This is the fifth week in a row! Justin Cook had the highest points last week with 7,009 but Charlotte Mason had the highest for November with 21,866 points. Well done everyone!!

## important information

### Elf Shelf

We have once again run Elf Shelf on Tuesday and Thursday this week and the event has proved extremely popular. We had stalls set up for the children to choose from a selection of gifts for each member of the family, an area set aside where presents could be wrapped and labelled and even a room where the children could then watch a movie whilst waiting to be collected. May I firstly say how beautifully behaved the children were, waiting their turn and coming up with loads of ideas about what they would like to buy. They concentrated really hard to make sure they had enough money and were clinging on to their Christmas lists for dear life. We even managed to get some maths practice in by working out what change they would need! This event couldn't happen without the hard work, organisation and dedication of a huge team of people. May I thank Mrs Johnston, all the parent helpers and all the staff for all their hard work and for giving up their time at the end of a busy day to help the children have this wonderful experience. It really is very much appreciated!

### Visit to Bedlington Station Primary School by Mr Ian Lavery, Member of Parliament

You will remember that recently, our Year 6 children visited Parliament and the House of Commons to experience aspects of the democratic process at work at first hand. There they met with Mr Ian Lavery, MP who talked to them about how Parliament and democracy works, in line with our whole school provision on British Values. At my invitation, Mr Lavery is also going to visit our school tomorrow, December 2<sup>nd</sup> to meet some of children again, following up on his visit, together with our newly elected School Council. I look forward to welcoming him to our wonderful school.

### After School Clubs

Next week will be the last week for the following clubs until after the Christmas holidays:

Brainbusters with Miss Tuart (Thu/Fri), Mathletics with Mrs Patterson (Thu), Brainteasers KS2 with Miss Curry (Thu), Miniband with Mr Burns from Music Partnership North (Wed) and Hip Hop Dance with Miss Sale (Mon).

All after school clubs **except** Hip Hop dance will begin again week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

## Upcoming Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 7th December** – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day - if you have not already ordered your child's Christmas dinner please complete and return the slip below as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Wednesday 7th December** – Christmas Fair opens at 3.15pm - more details below

**Tuesday 13th/Wednesday 14th December** - Christmas Performances at St Johns Church 2.15pm - More information to follow in the next couple of weeks.

**Thursday 15th December** – Pantomime - Aladdin and Party Day

**Friday 16th December** – School closes at 2.00pm



## Christmas Fair

Please don't forget we are experimenting with a slight change to our Christmas Fair timings and layout this year, partly due to staff and parent helper availability in an already extremely busy period but also because of the early finish to the autumn term this year and the fact that we have so much to squeeze in! Our Christmas Fair will be held on Wednesday 7th December in the school Hall. The doors will open at 3.15pm. Santa Claus will be visiting of course and tickets will be available from (today) Thursday 1st December priced at £1.50 per child from the school Office. There will be lots of stalls too including the ever popular raffle, a Tombola stall and refreshments including coffee, tea and mince pies. We do hope that you will be able to come along and look forward to seeing you there.

## Christmas Singing

A group of pupils have been invited to attend the Bedlingtonshire Community High School to perform at their Christmas Market, on Friday 2nd December from around 1.30pm. The children will perform some Christmas songs accompanied by Reverend Ian. The children will return to school for 3:00pm to be dismissed as normal. Our children are always complemented on their beautiful singing and I am sure that this year will be no exception and it will be a lovely way to begin our Christmas celebrations in the community.



## Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 7th December

Next Wednesday 7th December is Christmas dinner and jumper day, we are asking everyone to come to school in their Christmas jumper. If you don't have one then just attach some tinsel around the sleeves or the bottom of the jumper etc. Please note we do not need any contributions – just a jumper. If you would like your child to have a dinner on this day, the price is subsidised by school and held at £2.00. If your child normally has a packed lunch and you have not informed school that they would like a Christmas dinner then please complete and return the slip below. **All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are free due to government funding from Sep 2014. All children in the following classes Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 have to pay except those children whose parents are in receipt of free school meals.** Free school meal eligibility is not available for Nursery children who attend five half days per week.

## Christmas Dinner Menu –

Roast Turkey, Sage and Onion Stuffing Balls, Chipolata Sausage, Creamed Potatoes, Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Peas

**Pudding** - Christmas Tree Lollies or Yogurt or Shortbread Biscuit, Orange Juice or Water

## Christmas Dinner -

**ONLY ENCLOSE MONEY IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT PURCHASING SCHOOL DINNERS THAT WEEK.**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to have a Christmas dinner ☐ OR My child will be having a packed lunch. ☐

Signature of Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_