

Thought of the Week: "If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sun beams and you will always look lovely." – Roald Dahl

celebrating success

Attendance

Chestnut class had the highest attendance last week with 99%. Whole school attendance was again 97%. 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: Corey Stoker, Ollie Little, Jack Simpson, Owen Charlton, Evan Reed and Charli-Sioux McLeod. These children all had Star Tea with Mr Sutherland due to their exemplary attitude.

Ice-Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice-Cream Friday last week: Tyler McMurdo, Katie Gudgin, Willow Reay, Jessica Hall, Nikita Linney, Aleisha Alexander and Ebony Jobson. These children were rewarded for their exemplary behaviour.

Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Kaycie Falloon, Andrew Beecroft, Joshua Bell, Kenzi Law, Alyssa Mills-Auld, Kaisey-Mai Dodd and Natasha Olsen. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Mathletics

Sycamore class had the highest points again last week with 20,789 points. Nikita Linney had the highest individual score last week with 6,750 points. Well done everyone!!

important information

Year 6 London Residential

At the time of writing, (Wednesday), Year 6 are spending their last afternoon in London before heading back to Newcastle on the train. As well as visits to a London show, museums and places of interest, the Hard Rock café and the Pineapple Dance Studio the children have also visited Parliament and the House of Commons. There they were scheduled to meet with Mr Ian Lavery, Member of Parliament who was going to talk 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 in early December to meet our Year 6 children again, together with our School Council. I look forward to welcoming him to our wonderful school.

Our first half term is coming to a close already! It is hard to believe how quickly the time has passed but I believe that the children have had lots of fun this half term but have also worked incredibly hard at the same time. Already this year we have welcomed new children and their families to our school, set up our new School Council with the first meetings already having taken place, sent the Year 6 children on a Residential trip to London, sent our Year 5 children to Robinwood for 3 days of adventure, set up a working party to redesign our end of year reports and strengthen our assessment, held a Harvest Festival celebration and also a coffee morning to support the Macmillan Cancer charity. Next half term we have planned parents' evenings for the whole school, Bikeability for Years 5 and 6 and another opportunity for parents to come in to have lunch with their child and share some curriculum time. Not to mention preparing for the festivities that will quickly be upon us in December! Can I say a huge thank you again for the support we have received from parents and carers across the school for all we are trying to achieve and a particular thank you for the engagement we have had with our school uniform – almost everyone now wears school uniform every day.

Have a wonderful and safe half-term with your family and friends and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 31st October at 08:00 for our Breakfast Club and then from 08:45 when doors open to the rest of the school.

School Meals – New Winter Menu

I am delighted to announce that our new Winter Menu will be launched week commencing 7th November. It has a range of healthy, nutritious options specially designed for the winter months. As well as the main course, we will continue to offer wraps, sandwiches or jacket potatoes with a range of fillings as well as our paninis. We continue to work hard every day to improve our lunch service. The number of children having school meals is now remains consistently high and we have also significantly reduced our wastage at the end of service to minimal amounts. All this for £2.00 per day for a child's meal which I believe represents fantastic value for money. So if you haven't given our school meals a try why not see what you think on our first week back. Please remember that if your child does not receive Free School Meals all dinners need to be paid for, ideally with the correct change in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name on. The new Menu will be published on our website and placed on the school noticeboard in the yard as soon as possible.

Buddies

Can I take this opportunity to thank all our Buddies across the school during this first half term who work so hard to support children in various activities throughout the day. It is a wonderful system and the children deserve huge amounts of credit for helping to make it work so well. A special mention for those Buddies who have really stepped up recently when some of our children have been away on Residential. They have been a huge help to all the staff as well and I am very proud of them all. Thank you!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 21 st October :	Autumn half term begins – NB School closes at the usual time of 3.00pm
Monday 31 st October:	School reopens 8.45am Breakfast club begins 8.00am We will have poppies etc on sale for the Royal British Legion
Wednesday 2 nd November:	School Photographer Please don't forget that if you wish all of your children who attend our school to have their photographs together then please complete and return the slip sent out last week.
Monday 14 th November:	Parents Evening 3.10pm until last appointment 5.20pm
Tuesday 15 th November:	Parents Evening 3.10pm until last appointment 6.50pm Further information will be sent out after the Autumn half term holidays

Poppies – Remembrance Sunday

We will be selling Poppies from Monday 31st October for a minimum donation of 50p. This year we will once again be selling other items too such as: friendship bracelets and rulers £1 each and wristbands, reflectors and small boxes of coloured pencils all for 50p each. All proceeds will go towards The Royal British Legion.

ONLINE ADMISSIONS – HIGH AND SECONDARY

12th September 2016: E-admission portal open and Information, Handbooks and application forms available at: admissions.northumberland.gov.uk

Paper forms are available on request from:

School Admissions Team, Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF

31st October 2016: Closing date for Applications: E-Admission portal closes. Applications received after this date are considered late.

1st March 2017: Parents notified of the outcome of their applications for school places
16th March 2017: Last date for offers to be accepted by parents.

ONLINE ADMISSIONS – RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2017

1st November 2016 : E-admission portal will open and Information, Handbooks and application forms will be available for your child who is in Nursery now but will start full time school in September 2017.