

Thought of the Week: "A single rose can be my garden... a single friend, my world." - Leo Buscaglia

celebrating success

Star of the Week

Star of the Week Certificates were all given to the following children: Mason Lynn, Charlie Ullock, Owen Charlton, Lucy Lynn, Charlie Storey 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: Alyssa Moore, Kasey Humble, Chris Agnew, Justin Cook, Luke Dawson, Matthew Holland and Brandon Flannagan. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Attendance

Oak class had the highest attendance last week with 100%. Well done Oak class!! Whole school was on target at 95% not as good as the previous few weeks! Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend school. Thank you.

Pudding of the Week

The pudding of the week was chosen by Beech class and the children are very excited about their creation. It is called '**Beech Class' Blazing Bonfire**' and it will be served on Thursday 5th November.

Mathletics – KS2

KS2 Mathletics winners last week was Rowan class with 22,840 points and Emma Archer had the highest points last week with 5521. Well done everyone!

Ice Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice Cream Friday last week: Matthew Rutland, Mya Armstrong, Faith Aiston, Evan Reed, Daniel Emmerson, Andrew Dodds and Chloe Watson. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

important information

Our first half term is coming to a close already! It is hard to believe how quickly the time has passed but, as my grandmother always used to say to me, time flies when you are having fun. 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, held progress and update meetings for Reception parents, offered parents and carers a Governor Forum to have their say, sent the Year 6 children on a Residential trip to London, held a coffee morning to support the Macmillan Cancer charity and introduced "Greener Time" as an additional incentive for children to ensure their behaviour is always of the highest standard. Next half term we have planned a visit by Red Watch to talk to the children about fire safety, parents' evenings for the rest of the school, Bikeability for Years 4, 5 and 6 and the 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, (note I am not going to say the word yet...it's too early!). 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 November 2nd at 08:00 for our Breakfast Club and then from 08:45 when doors open to the rest of the school.**

Please remember that school closes at the usual time of 3.00pm tomorrow (Friday).

School Meals – New Winter Menu

I am delighted to announce that our new Winter Menu will be launched on the first day back after the half term break, Monday November 2nd 2015. 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. **In addition, we are very excited to be able to offer paninis as an additional alternative option to the main course.** We have worked hard to improve our lunch service over the past year. Not only do we now offer a range of choices every day but we have invested in some new equipment for the kitchen and colourful trays, plates bowls and cutlery for the children. This year, the children will be helping us to design some decoration around the serving hatch too – just to brighten things up a little. The number of children having school meals is now at an all-time high and we have also significantly reduced our wastage at the end of service to minimal amounts. Not to mention our Pudding of the Week – designed by each class in turn every Thursday! 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 by the end of this week.

Seating Area in the Playground – 3 tables and benches

Unfortunately, we have had to take the decision to remove the 3 benches with seats from the side of the playground heading toward the main gate. My understanding is that they have been installed for many years but have now begun to rot and splinter and are presenting as a significant hazard. We have tried to make good several times with new wood but I'm afraid that by continuing to do this we are throwing good money after bad. The benches have been cordoned off and will have been completely removed by the start of the 2nd half term. We will be looking at some options for that area of the yard, perhaps to tie in with a new facility for bikes and scooters. In the meantime, any ideas or suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Flu Immunisations for Years 1 and 2

Just to let you know that these were administered to all children in Beech and Maple classes where parental consent was received on Tuesday 20th October.

Year 6 Residential Trip to London

At the time of writing this the children are heading back home from their 3 days in London. The school has kept in close contact with the staff on the trip throughout their stay and I know that we have been updating parents and carers regularly via our Facebook page. I know that the children have all had a wonderful time and I know they will ensure you are fully up to speed with every single aspect of their adventures over the next few days. I am so proud of them for their attitude and maturity on such an exciting trip and am so happy we are able to offer our children opportunities such as this.

Poppies – Remembrance Sunday

We will be selling Poppies from Monday 2nd November for a minimum donation of 50p. This year we will 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

REMINDER - Admissions for Y6 to High Schools and Secondary Schools

Please don't forget to apply for your Year 6 child's place at High or Secondary school. The E-admissions portal opened on the 7th September 2015 and will close on 31st October 2015. Please go to www.northumberland.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions for information, handbooks and application forms. Paper forms are available on request from: School Admissions Team, Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF

The Salvation Army - Film Night

Please go along to the Film Night on Wednesday 28th October at 5.30pm

Finding Nemo PG - all ages welcome - free entry 12ft screen

Sweets, popcorn, hotdogs and drinks available

The Salvation Army, Hartford Road West, Bedlington, NE22 6HU Please call tel: 829356 for more details.