

Thought of the Week: "The first to apologise is the bravest, the first to forgive is the strongest, and the first to forget is the happiest." Anon

celebrating success

Star of the Week

Star of the Week Certificates were all given to the following children: Liam Stanton, Brooke Jobson, Imogen Ullock, Kelsie Saddler, Lauren Hanlon, Katie Kerry and Kobi Temperley. These children were all rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week and had Stat Tea with Mr Sutherland.

Ice-Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice-cream Friday last week: Hallie Taylor, Jamie Mason, Jason Ince, Hannah Carr, Summer Hann, Nathan Gradwell and Matthew Amies. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

Attendance

Sycamore class had the highest attendance last week with 98% and Whole school attendance was 95%. Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is unable to attend school. Thank you.

Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Millie Barker, Alyssa Mills-Auld, Kaisey-Mai Dodd, Josie Blackwood, Jess Sterry, Kayti-Lee Brown and Michael Lee. 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 Cameron Bowman and Dylan McMorn.

Pudding of the Week

The pudding of the week was chosen by Oak class and the children are very excited about their creation. It is called 'Crime Scene Investicake'. It will be served on Thursday 2nd July.

important information

PE Kit – (Willow Class to Sycamore Class)

Please ensure that if your child is in Willow class up to Sycamore class that they bring their PE kit in on a Monday and leave it in school ready to use throughout the week. Each child requires the following: T-shirt, shorts and trainers or sandshoes.

Rowan and Oak Classes

All children in Rowan and Oak classes require PE kit, swimming costume, towel and water bottle, every Thursday for swimming and PE lessons at Ashington Leisure Centre.

Can I please remind parents and carers that PE is a statutory element of the school curriculum and as such, children must be able to take part in these sessions every week. If children arrive without PE kit or the correct footwear to participate in PE, there will still be an expectation by school that the child takes part and school will do its best to allocate them the necessary footwear and/or clothing from any spares we may have. Please note that a child will only be exempt from PE if they have a written note signed by the parent/carer giving the reason for the exemption. This note can be passed to the member of staff on the door at the beginning of the day or brought to the main Office. Thank you, in advance, for your co-operation and support of the school.

Day of Sports Wednesday 1st July/Sports Afternoon Thursday 2nd July 2pm

On Wednesday 1st July all children from Reception to Year 6 will participate in several sports throughout the day. They will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit (shorts, t-shirt, trainers or sandshoes, don't forget your water bottle too). **On Thursday 2nd July we will be holding our Sports afternoon on the school field from 2.00pm for Reception to Year 6. The children will once again need to come to school in their PE kit with a water bottle. Parents are invited and will be able to enter the school field via the rear gates between 1.40pm and 1.55pm. The gates will be locked at 1.55pm ready for a prompt start at 2.00pm. If you arrive after this time you will have to report to the school office.**

Enterprise Week – Oak Class

The Year 6 children are having a fantastic Enterprise Week, this week. On Monday, it was revealed to them that they were going to be taking part in a range of CSI activities - wow! So far, it has been an action packed week. They have been to the Magistrates Court in Bedlington, where they took part in a court case of their own (all scripted, of course) in a real court room. As well as this, they have worked with the Police to take their own fingerprints and find out how evidence is collected and used. A morning was spent at Northumbria University, where they took cheek cell samples of their own and carried out an experiment which allowed them to view these samples under a microscope. As if the week couldn't have been any better, they worked with a drama coach to practise their interrogation skills (they were all were pretty skilled at this!) Finally, they turned up at the Scout Hut to find a 'crime' had been committed, where their job was to solve it. It goes without saying that they were all amazing detectives/Crime Scene Investigators!

Children coming to and being collected from school – an important reminder

Only children who are currently in Year 5 or 6 should be coming to school on their own, and only then if their parent/carer has returned the permission slip to school, authorising that this can happen. Children coming to school in current Year 4 or below must be brought and collected by an adult. We have noticed a few cases where it appears that children are arriving at school either with a sibling who also attends this school or with no noticeable adult. Please could you ensure that if your child is in years 5 or 6, that you have completed and returned the required permission slip and that if your child is in year 4 or below that they are being brought to and collected from school by an adult. If you have any questions please feel free to clarify this by contacting the school Office or by speaking to me personally. Thank you.

Early Years Yard – Access to Reception Class

Parents and carers will have noticed that we have had to close off an area of the Early Years yard and move the access to Willow class (Reception). This is due to an investigation around the access ramp into Willow class by the County and is only a precautionary measure to ensure the on-going safety of children, parents and staff while this work is done. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and hope to have this situation rectified as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding in the meantime.

Tennis Competition Winners

Huge congratulations go to some of our Year 3 tennis players who won the Blyth and Bedlington Final last week. They are now through to the grand final next Wednesday. We are so proud of them all! The individuals taking part were Dylan McMorn, Charli-Sioux McLeod, Josie Blackwood, Ethan Beecroft, Lucas Rushton, Lacie Temperley, Thomas Kerry and Olivia Ballance.

Uniform

Today your child has brought home a uniform order, please complete 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.

Milk Letter

Please see accompanying letter in regards to your child's milk order for September. Thank you.

Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair will be held on Thursday 9th July at 3.00pm more details to follow shortly...

Music Celebration at the Parade of Athletes – Concordia

My thanks go to all our wonderful musicians who made the trip to Concordia on Tuesday morning. They and a few parents braved the chilly weather to play some wonderful, inspiring music at the parade. They were even asked specifically to play an extra song by the organisers. The musicians taking part were Grace Henderson, Shay Jackson, Ellen Adey-Phillips, Saphyre Alexander, Tanya Watts and Jess Sterry.

Missing Bicycle – Can You Help?

A bicycle belonging to a Year 5 pupil appears to have gone missing from our yard sometime between 3.00pm and 4.00pm last Friday June 19th. It is a black mountain bike with a purple seat. The word "Craze" is printed on the frame and seat and it is also decorated with purple, blue and white stripes. There is a light on the back wheel and the dust caps are painted as silver skulls. Naturally, the pupil and her family are upset at the loss of the bike and are keen to get it back. It may be that the bike has been taken home last Friday by mistake so if you are able to help or have any information please get in touch with the school or with me in person, in confidence. Thank you.

Summer Holidays

The summer holidays will begin on Friday 17th July with School closing at 2.00pm. School will re-open for pupils on Thursday 3rd September. Here is the new Holiday Schedule 2015- 2016 – please keep it in a safe place for the coming year. Y6 will receive a copy from their new school in due course.