

Thought for the Week: "Be the change you wish to see in the world." ~ Gandhi

celebrating success

Attendance

Sycamore had the highest attendance last week with 100% which is excellent. Rowan and Chestnut classes were very close behind with 99% and whole school attendance was 97%. Well done everyone!!

Please don't forget to call 822326 if your child is unable to attend school. Thank you.

Head Teacher Awards of the Week

The following children were given Head Teacher Awards at last Friday's Achievement Assembly following a recommendation from their teacher: Chloe Hurrell, Saphyre Alexander, Ethan McLeod, Andrew Condie, Lauren Hanlon, Thomas Kerry, Lucas Rushton, Leon Mudd, Ryleigh Tomlinson, Alex Roy, Shay Foster, Mya Armstrong, Evie Moat, Ethan Jackson, Josh Bell, Callum Mitchell and Charlie Ullock. 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. If children are spotted demonstrating good manners they can enter the weekly prize draw to win a special prize to take home! Last week's winners were: Lacie Temperley and Jordan Stoker.

Ice Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice Cream Friday last week: Josh Bell, Alyssa Mills-Auld, Conner Dodds, Thomas Kerry, Kain O'Brien, Katelyn Graham, Amiee Robson. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

important information

Portal Design

My thanks to members of the staff here who stayed in school last Friday evening and then returned on Saturday morning to transform our school into our new company and workplace - "Portal Design". The children have really embraced the creative theme this week and are working really hard creating inspirational designs for Olive Stein and her very important clients. I joined staff as we went on a Learning Walk around the school yesterday evening to see some of the ideas that the children have come up with already and the classrooms, as well as the rest of the school, are looking fabulous. Can I just clarify that, as I stated in previous letters home, whilst we would like the children to come into "work" in their own clothes so that they really feel part of a real workplace community, there is no insistence that they do so. You are more than welcome to send your child into school in their uniform and our aim with this exciting, real-life curriculum project is certainly not to inconvenience parents/carers. Towards the end of the project you will be invited into classrooms to experience some of the children's work yourselves and to talk to the children about what they have been doing. May I thank you all for your support in this initiative and the positive comments many of you have passed onto me and class teachers already this week.

BikeAbility Week at Bedlington Station – Week Commencing February 9th, 2015

In last week's "Station Voice" I talked about the forthcoming BikeAbility initiative that will shortly be taking place in school for years 4, 5 and 6. Letters are being sent home to families of children in years 4, 5 and 6 today and I would urge you to sign your children up for this free training and return the form to school as quickly as possible. A lot of information is contained in the letters home but if you have any further questions, please contact your class teacher or speak to me on the yard.

School Meal Survey

Thank you to everyone who has returned the survey about school meals that I sent home before the holidays. At the time of writing I have received 30 surveys back into school and have read each one personally. Your views have been noted and will be shared with the Senior Leadership Team here as we formulate the launch of our new menus in the next few weeks. Please keep reading "The Station Voice" as there will be more information on school meals coming very soon.

Mathletics Trial at Bedlington Station – Year 4

You may remember before Christmas, I mentioned that we would be trialling Mathletics in school in the new year. Mathletics is a web-based site which is accessed via the internet or their own App. It is an exciting, virtual world where children have fun creating their own Avatar character and earning credits when they answer a huge range of mathematical questions and problems linked to the new curriculum. Yesterday, Sycamore class (Year 4) took part in a presentation in school from the people at Mathletics. They will then trial this initiative in school over the coming two or three weeks so that we, and the children, can assess the benefits of perhaps having Mathletics across other parts of the school permanently. They will be issued with their own password and can access this programme by logging on to any computer. I would be very grateful, if you are in a position to do so, to perhaps allow your child a little time to access the site at home so that they can show you what it involves. Mathletics advise the optimum usage for their programme at home is around 20 minutes or so, 3 or 4 times a week. I implemented Mathletics at my last school where it played a significant part in raising standards in Maths. Mrs Liddicoat will be leading on this initiative in school and liaising regularly with Sycamore and Miss Johnson the class teacher to see how the trial is going. As always, I welcome any feedback you may have in order to improve our provision for the children still further.

Change of Contact Details

Please don't forget that if you move house or change your telephone numbers can you inform the school office so that our records are kept up to date. Thank you.

Storyteller at the Salvation Army

The Salvation Army have a storyteller called Chris Bostock coming to them at Hartford Road West, Bedlington on Saturday 17th January at 2.00pm. He is telling the story of the Snow Bear with the aid of puppets and musical accompaniment from Chris Patterson. Afterwards there will be an optional story telling workshop where he will try to pass on the art of telling stories through puppetry to children.

Tickets are limited and cost £3 per person or a family ticket of 2 adults and 2 children for £10. Please ask at the time of booking if you would like to take part in the workshop. There is no extra charge for this, but numbers are strictly limited. The tickets are available from the office at The Salvation Army, Hartford Road West, Bedlington or by telephoning 01670 829356.

Midday Supervisor

Are you interested in becoming a Midday Supervisor? We currently have two Midday Supervisor jobs available to start as soon as possible if you would like an application pack etc please follow the link below:

www.northeastjobs.org/uk/job/middaysupervisor/135104 or call at the school office to ask for an application pack. Please note the closing date is this Monday 19th January at 12 noon.

Coat Hangers

Do you have any plastic or wooden coat hangers that have the metal clips at each end (usually used to hang skirts on) if you have any spare please could you hand them into school. Many thanks.