



Thought for the Week: : "In order to write about life, first you must live it." ~ Ernest Hemingway

celebrating success

Attendance

Beech class had the highest class attendance at 99% and whole school was 97% prior to the Christmas holidays. Well done everyone! Let's make an extra effort to keep attendance as high as possible this term. Please don't forget to call school on 822326 if your child is unable to attend school. Thank you.

important information

A warm welcome back to everyone after the Christmas break and a belated Happy New Year! I really hope that you enjoyed your Christmas and spending time with family and friends. It was lovely to see the children back in our first whole-school assembly of the term on Tuesday morning. In that assembly, I talked to the children about some of the things we have planned for this half term which is already looking very busy. Towards the end of the half term we will be having a whole school focus on e-safety, reminding children how to stay safe when using the internet in school and also at home. It is extremely important for children to ensure that they are using the internet safely and responsibly, particularly at this time of year when perhaps children may have received various electronic devices at Christmas. On our INSET Teacher Training day on Monday January 5th, I arranged for Northumberland Local Authority to present to all staff in school about e-safety and safeguarding in general so that as parents and carers, you can be sure we are up to date with the latest statutory requirements and thinking. If you have any questions please feel free to come and see me on the yard or call at the school office to make an appointment.

At our Tuesday assembly, Mr Layton introduced our new, whole-school creative project "Portal Design" to the children. You may remember I sent a letter home just before Christmas to let you know of our plans and you had an additional letter about it yesterday. The children are very excited about the project and can't wait to get started so please take some time to ask them about what will be happening this half term. We are talking to the children about expectations and initial plans this week so that they are all set for the start next Monday. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

We are making a slight change to one of our school awards this term. We will no longer be having Top Table every Friday as I feel that this initiative has probably run its course now and perhaps needs to be refreshed. Rather than have lunch with children at Top Table on Friday, my aim is to join the children more regularly through the week for their lunch on a more ad hoc basis. It will be nice for me to be able to sit with lots of different children over the coming weeks and talk more informally with them on a wide range of topics.

Instead, I will be launching "Star Of The Week" and "Star Tea". At our Friday assembly, each class teacher will choose one child who has worked really hard, made particular progress, has shown high standards of behaviour or perhaps demonstrated an act of kindness. They will receive a "Star Of The Week" certificate from me and will be invited to join me for "Star Tea" the following Wednesday afternoon for about 15 minutes. If the children have a favourite song they can choose to hear it at "Star Tea" and we will share some snacks and a drink together. It will be a lot of fun and a lovely reward for all their hard work. I will be telling the children all about it at tomorrow's assembly.

Staff and children here at Bedlington Station are all ready to work hard to make this spring term the best ever!

School Admissions for Reception September 2015

The closing date for applying for Reception places in September 2015 is fast approaching and if your child's date of birth is between 01/09/2010 and 31/08/2011, your child will be given an application form for you to complete and return as soon as possible as the closing date is next Thursday 15th January 2015.

Change of Contact Details

Please can we ask 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.

Film Night at the Salvation Army

Next Wednesday 14th January is Film night at West Hartford Road, Bedlington. They are showing Planes 2 Fire and Rescue at 5.30pm, £2 entry and tuck shop available.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the survey about school meals that I sent home before the holidays. I am very keen to hear as many of your views as possible so please ensure that you have returned the survey by Friday 9th January as requested.

As we are currently focusing on school meals, we are having a special menu next Thursday 15th January of pork sausages, mashed potatoes and baked beans (Bangers and Mash) and fresh fruit and ice-cream. The cost will be £2 as usual or free as in the normal way. Please note there are no further costs incurred for Reception, Y1 or Y2 children.

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.

PTA Meeting

If you are interested in joining or helping the PTA, please come along to the PTA meeting next Wednesday 14th January at 3.00pm in the Community Room situated next door to Nursery.