



Thought for the Week: "The energy of the mind is the essence of life." ~ Aristotle

celebrating success

Top Table

The following children all had their lunch with Mr Sutherland and Mr Layton at the Top Table last Friday: Bradley Johnstone, Alfie Brown, Shay Foster, Shane Mills-Auld, Hannah Carr, Ellie Gee, Kayla Rowlands and Chloe Hurrell. These children were rewarded for their extra special effort last week.

Stars 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, Millie Thornton, Amy O'Donnell, Mathew Dodds, Charlotte Stewart, Katie Campbell, Lewis Archer, Ethan McLeod, Ellen Adey-Phillips, Summer Hann, Natasha Olsen, Matthew Holland, Leo Gair, Olivia Ballance, Josie Blackwood, Shaun Spratt, Jason Ince, Toni-Lea Hudspith, Owen Charlton, Jordan Stoker, Ellie McLean, Levi Graham and Bradley Johnstone. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Attendance

Sycamore class had the highest attendance last week with 100%. Well done Sycamore! Whole school attendance was 96%. Please don't forget to call 01670 822326 if your child is unable to attend school. Thank you.

Manners the Monkey

Manners the Monkey is back 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 Brooke Jobson and Toni-Lea Hudspith.

Ice Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice Cream Friday last week: Ellie McLean, Joseph Jamieson, Jason Ince, Ethan Beecroft, Keigan Jackson, Tanya Watts and Catherine Mason. These children were rewarded for the tremendous effort they have put in the last week.

important information

Homework

It has been brought to my attention that there appear to be one or two glitches on the web based "I Am Learning" homework package utilised by the school. Very occasionally, a correct answer given by your child has been marked as incorrect automatically by the system. We are aware of this problem and have emailed County and the makers of "I Am Learning" to alert them. I have asked staff to be extra vigilant in the meantime and would be grateful if you could let your class teacher know if there are any further occurrences. Meanwhile, I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

Playground Equipment

We are delighted with the new equipment that has been recently installed and thank all the children for using it sensibly and safely both during and before and after school. I have, however, recently noticed some children still on the equipment at 3.30pm and whilst I am happy for them to use it for a short while, I feel that 20 minutes after school has finished is probably enough to play on the equipment, particularly as the evenings are dark and cold so early at the moment. I would appreciate it if you could support the school in this respect, especially if your child is in Years 5 or 6 and may have been given permission by you for them to walk home on their own. Please remember that this playground equipment is not supervised by school staff before and after school.

Christmas Performances

Thank you to all parents, carers, Granddads and Grandmas who were able to come and see our Christmas performances. The performances in Nursery were really well attended and the children were all fantastic, setting a really high standard. This was matched this week in St. John's Church where the rest of the school put on a marvellous performance of our "Christmas Remixed" show. The speaking and whole school singing were fabulous and what a brilliant way it was to end a wonderful autumn term. My thanks go to all the children of course, but also to the staff for working so hard to bring out the very best in your children at this special time of year. I would also like to gratefully acknowledge the help and support of Reverend Ian this term.

Thank You and Happy Christmas

On a personal note, I would like to thank you all for your support of me as your new Head Teacher this term. Being part of this school and community has been a wonderful experience and I am very proud indeed to be here. I can't quite believe that a whole school term has passed already. May I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas with family and friends and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2015 at 08:45**. Merry Christmas!

School Admissions for Reception September 2015

The closing date for applying for Reception places in September 2015 is fast approaching and 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 Thursday 15th January 2015.

BRIGHT AND BE SEEN THIS WINTER

Please don't forget, if you are out and about in the dark, wear something reflective. Attach it to your coat or bag so that you can be bright and be seen.

Please don't forget that school will close at 2.00pm this Friday 19th December. School will reopen on Tuesday 6th January at 8.00am for Breakfast Club.

Parent Survey on School Meals

I am currently looking at the provision for school meals at Bedlington Station with the intention of revamping our menu to include some additional options and choices. In addition, I would also like to get to the stage where we can invite parents / carers / grandparents into school on certain days to have lunch with the children, combining this perhaps with a curriculum afternoon. Before this is finalised I would value your thoughts and opinions. I am therefore sending home a survey / questionnaire to be completed and returned by **Friday January 9th, 2015**. I would be really grateful if you could spare a little time over the holidays to complete this and return it to me. It is really important that you and your children have a voice in this process and I am happy to consider any constructive suggestions or ideas you may have. Thank you, in advance, for your co-operation.