



“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE:

Our sincere thanks must go to Ben Lightley, our visiting chef, who gave generously of his time last week to introduce Y8 and Y6 to culinary career choices. Many pupils love their Food Technology lessons at our school and there are often children who express an interest in future work in this industry. The practical element to this opportunity certainly made his sessions a popular career workshop this term. A session for Y5 and Y7 is to follow before the end of term.

On Tuesday, lucky pupils from all year groups travelled to Corbridge Middle School this week to meet Katherine Rundell, children’s writer and famous author of ‘Rooftoppers’. Katherine gave an inspiring talk about her work as a writer, including fascinating insights into research for her novels. Who would have thought that learning to fly, training on a trapeze, tightrope walking, swimming with wild pink dolphins and even eating piranhas would feature in her day’s work?! We also enjoyed her top tips for story writing, and came away surprised about how many drafts it takes to actually get a novel published.

Y8 pupils have completed a week of enhanced transition afternoons to HBHS. We have been impressed with their attitude and behaviour, and hope you agree that this important opportunity to begin one-year GCSE courses is providing a welcome additional study focus for this term. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or feedback at any stage during these visits.

Letters have been issued for our end of year rewards trip to South Shields during the last week of term. We are hoping that all pupils will be able to share this opportunity to celebrate positive consequences of their good behaviour. Please return reply slips to school as soon as possible.

Finally, the weather is certainly changeable at the moment! We would be grateful if you could ensure your child has a coat in rainy conditions and likewise, sun protection and water bottle in the heat forecast later this week.

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



29th-30th June: Summer Bloom - Arts and Crafts: every weekend until July 14 get crafty this summer at Woodhorn Museum and make a spectacular summer bloom from tissue paper and pipe cleaners.
Venue: Woodhorn Colliery, Queen Elizabeth II Country Park, Ashington. NE63 9YF [Summer Bloom](#)



28th-29th June: Corbridge Festival: With its picturesque location, amazing music line up and magical atmosphere, this hidden gem of the North East is destined to be the highlight of your Summer! Music Over 3 Stages, comedy, kids’ zone, circus, fairground, music workshops, street theatre, Science shows, storytelling, bubbleologist, Yoga, craft, Festival stalls & more! [Corbridge Festival](#)



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Attendance this week – 93.09%



Please remember that holidays in term time will be unauthorised.



Did you know?

95% is the national expectation for attendance. Many pupils achieve 97% or better.

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (317)	MERLIN (373)	OSPREY (274)	PEREGRINE (291)
Philip (Y5) Angus (Y6) Reece (Y7) Keiran (Y8)	Bobby (Y5) Callum (Y6) Archie & Amy (Y7) Connor (Y8)	Liam (Y5) Aidan (Y6) Tayah (Y7) Bethany (Y8)	Beth (Y5) Amy (Y6) Pippa (Y7) Callum & Joseph (Y8)

School Uniform Update:

Further to the uniform letter sent home last week, our supplier has confirmed that there was a mistake in the original link for those who wish to view or order our new round necked jumpers. Please see below or check our school website:

Order On-Line, and pay by credit-card @ www.studentuniform.co.uk/bellms188./



Please note that existing pupils can continue to wear v-necked jumpers and polo shirts with logos until new items are needed, if you prefer. We hope you will agree that our new look will be both smart and comfortable, as well as more cost-effective.



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Author Visit



Look at our new must-reads!

Chef Experience



Experience of the culinary world of work!

Careers Week Feedback Highlights

93% of pupils agreed that Careers Week was a worthwhile experience.

87% of pupils felt that Careers Week improved their understanding of the world of work.

87% of pupils felt that Careers Week had made them think more about their future.

MEMOS AND REMINDERS



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TROUSERS: Whilst we are proud of how smart the vast majority of pupils look, please could we remind parents/carers that tracksuit bottoms, black leggings and denim black jeans style trousers are NOT suitable for pupils to wear as school trousers.



Bike Helmets: Your child **must** wear a bike helmet as he or she cycles to or from our school. We will let you know if we notice your child without a helmet and have to insist that he or she does not ride until one is worn. Please remind your child to stay safe on our roads by wearing a helmet.

Contacting school if your child is ill: Could all parents please inform us by 9.15 am if your child is not able to attend school due to illness. You can leave a message on the answerphone if the line is busy or email: middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk

Dinner Money: Please pay on the day or weekly on Mondays, using a named envelope. It is not possible to put credit on a tab. Whilst we would never see a child go hungry, we cannot afford to subsidise your child's meal. If you require free school meals for your child, then please apply to Northumberland County Council. Call: 01670 623592 or apply online, using the link below. Thank you for your support.

[Apply for Free School Meals](#)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Thurs 27 th June	Kids' Lit Quiz Trip: Teams competing at Corbridge Middle
Fri 28 th June	Be Safe Day: PSHCE Workshops for all years
Tues 2 nd July	Sports Day
Thurs 4 th July	Haydon Bridge Partnership Transfer Day
Mon 8 th July	Hexham Partnership Transfer Day
Tues 9 th July	BMS PTCA Launch – all welcome – see flyer
Tues 16 th July	Summer Production: Shakespeare Rocks
Wed 17 th July	Whole School Reward Trip: South Shields
Thurs 18 th July	Prom Night
Fri 19 th July	Y8 Leavers' Trip & Leavers' Celebration Assembly
Fri 19 th July	End of term

