



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We are grateful to Dr Susan Ramsaran for her Advent assembly this morning, supporting pupils in understanding more about this special time of year in the Christian church. It is hard to believe that it is that time of year already!

We are busy preparing for a number of festive events, which the children are looking forward to. Our concert singers are sounding wonderful and working hard towards their choral society concert on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, supported by Julia from the Chorister School in Durham. If your child is taking part, remember that this group needs to stay on at school with a packed tea next Monday (9<sup>th</sup>) to rehearse with the adult choir. If your child is not yet taking part but is able to join in, then please let us know as soon as possible. All welcome.

There will be a talent show in school on the last Thursday afternoon of term for pupils who would like to take part. We have been impressed with the quality of creative group work so far. Please encourage your child to take part with their friends or even by themselves. Prizes and a trophy to be won!

Y8 pupils are out tomorrow for their day at Durham University – please ensure that your child remembers to bring a coat as we shall walk to between different colleges and departments as part of our project launch day. The estimated arrival back at school is 5.30pm.

Finally, there are now no more spaces available on the Midlands residential. We do have a couple of spaces only left on the Normandy Adventure Camp. If you would like your child to be given a place, then please let the office know as soon as possible.

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

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### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December: Bellingham Amateur Dramatics** present Robin of Sherwood at Bellingham Town Hall. Come along and support the latest theatrical offering from this local drama group. Tickets available from the pharmacy or online.



**12<sup>th</sup> December: Hexham - Sankta Lucia Festival**...the Swedish festival celebrating the triumph of light over the winter darkness. A maiden wearing a crown of candles on her head, leads a candlelit procession of choirs singing traditional Scandinavian songs. FREE. Hexham Abbey Thursday 12th December at 7.00pm. [Sankta Lucia Festival](#)





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Attendance this week – 94.67%



*Thank you! We really appreciate all your efforts in getting to school on time, ready to start our day promptly.*



### Did you know?

**Research shows that pupils with more than 95% attendance or better achieve GCSE results at least one grade higher than those who don't.**

### SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (132)	MERLIN (118)	OSPREY (145)	PEREGRINE (131)
Amelie (Y5) Grace (Y6) Isaac (Y7) Lucy (Y8)	Brooke (Y5) Bobby (Y6) Arthur (Y7) Pippa (Y8)	Logan (Y5) Ebony (Y6) Max (Y7) Amy (Y8)	Lucy M, Elise, Luke Sam (Y6) Amy (Y7) Imogen (Y8)

### BMS HAS TALENT:

Talented BMS pupils have been hard at work creating festive performance acts with friends. We are enjoying watching the amazing abilities of some of our performers...



**Hip Hop Nutcracker!**



**Christmas Karate**





## MEMOS AND REMINDERS



**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. Further Bikeability training will be available next term.

**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](mailto:middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk)

**Dinner Money:** Please pay on the day or weekly from September. It is not possible to put credit on a tab. We would never see a child go hungry; however, 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.

[Click here to apply for free school meals](#)

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Cross Country at Ovingham Middle School
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Y8 Durham University Project Launch (Digital Physics)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Raffle Donation
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Singing at Bellingham Late Night Shopping
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch – pupils can wear Christmas jumpers
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert: BMS pupils with Choral Society
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Table Decoration Workshop 3.30 p.m.
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	A Christmas Cracker 6.30pm – all welcome
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Talent Show and Disco Afternoon
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church 11am
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Autumn Term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Teacher Training Day
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Pupils return to school
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Whole School Panto Trip to Theatre Royal, Newcastle

