



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

This week, we were delighted to receive the news that the OSA rejected the council’s decision to close our middle school. Whilst we all await the full written report, which will provide reasons for this decision, I can share with you that we received a lovely thank you letter from Tom Brooke. This letter specifically expressed his gratitude to ‘all the parents and supporters of the school who came out on a stormy Friday night to meet me and to let me hear their views.’ We would like to thank all those who have supported our school over the past few months, and a three tier system for local children in this rural area. Your continued support will make all the difference in the future.

Following this week’s Enrichment Homework deadline, we have been amazed at the quality of some of the wonderful greater depth projects completed by pupils from all year groups. Miss Mason’s WW1 Centenary option was hugely popular, with sincerity and respect for those who made the ultimate sacrifice evident in creative and imaginative responses. Our school is also making a textile based poppy wreath as pupil representatives prepare to attend the local memorial service in early November.

Please do join us, if you can, this afternoon for our Harvest Celebration Assembly at 2.45p.m. Our thanks must go to all those who have generously donated; the collection will be given to West Northumberland Food Bank. If you are attending the first school’s assembly beforehand, then please feel free to come for a coffee in between assemblies in the community room.

Finally, and most importantly, happy holidays!

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

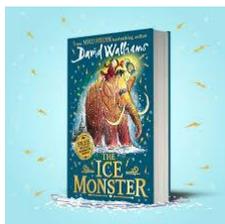
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### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - Hexham Spook Night Family Fun (FREE)** One of the biggest events of the year when Hexham is transformed into all things spooky, this fantastic family event take place around Beaumont Street, Market Place and the Abbey Grounds with fairground rides, hot food, fancy dress competitions for all ages (there's even a best-dressed pet category!), pumpkin and turnip carving, spooky dancing around the bandstand. 11am – 9pm.



**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> November at Forum Books in Corbridge:** From 4pm, the popular children’s author **DAVID WALLIAMS** will be signing copies of his new book, “The Ice Monster”, which tells the unlikely tale of a ten-year-old girl and a woolly mammoth.

#### GOVERNOR UPDATE

Please use the following new email address should you wish to contact the Governing Body of the Bellingham Partnership of Schools:

[governors@bellinghampartnership.uk](mailto:governors@bellinghampartnership.uk)



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Attendance this week – 95.06%



95% overall is good. Thank you for supporting your child. We know that your support makes all the difference.



Did you know?

80% of success is showing up! Attend today and achieve tomorrow.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (145)	MERLIN (133)	OSPREY (137)	PEREGRINE (140)
Harry (Y5) Isaac (Y6) Imogen (Y7) Alex & Maddy (Y8)	Cameron (Y5) Arthur (Y6) David (Y7) Dom (Y8)	Liam (Y5) Meadow (Y6) Reece (Y7) Dom (Y8)	Shane (Y5) Lucy C (Y6) Will (Y7) Imogen (Y8)

**Stay safe on Bonfire Night**

- Never touch fireworks
- Stand well back from the bonfire
- Never go near a firework after it has been lit
- Only one sparkler at a time
- Wear gloves when holding a sparkler
- Keep pets indoors



Well done to all our 25 KS2 pupils who have worked hard with Mel this week to improve their road awareness and bike safety, earning their **Bikeability** Level 1 and/or 2 Awards. There will be further opportunity to progress to Level 3 later in the year.





## CREATIVE ZONE

Everyone looks forward to Wednesday’s specialist technology lessons. The Art Design Technology integrated curriculum has got off to a flying start with Ceramics, whilst burgers and scones were on the menu in Food Technology. The independence, care and pride taken by pupils in their work were especially impressive to see...





## MEMOS AND REMINDERS

### Admissions 2019:

We understand that you will have received a letter from NCC explaining your options. We hope that you will continue to send your child to BMS next year. Please do get in touch if you require any clarification or have any questions about the process. We are here to listen and happy to help.

**Careers Fair:** Please let Mrs Samuels know if you – or anybody you know - would be willing to talk to small groups of pupils about your job. We are aiming to develop a week of opportunities for children to broaden their horizons and aspirations. To do this, we need the support of our local and wider community, beginning with the talent pool on our doorsteps – you!



**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](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. 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.

[https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free\\_School\\_Meals](https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free_School_Meals)

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm – all welcome
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Teacher Training Day – no pupils
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Back to school
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	North East Kids' Lit Quiz Trip - Gosforth
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Stemtastic Enrichment Trip - Newcastle
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment for London trip – pay by today
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Prefects & Pupil Forum Reps to Remembrance Service
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Disco
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	End of term



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