



“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

As the autumn term ends today, we would like to wish all our pupils and their families a wonderful time together this holiday, and hope that you will all be busy making memories and having fun over Christmas and the New Year.

We have had a fabulous week full of festive fun, culminating in parties and a beautiful carol service this morning. As is our tradition, Y8 pupils gave the readings and should be congratulated for speaking confidently and clearly in front of a packed church. Well done to: Hannah, Alicia, Alex, Connor, Olivia, Maddy, Keiran, Dom, James, Will, Philip, Ryan, Jack and Imogen.

On Wednesday this week, all pupils had the chance to work with Megan Randall, artist in residence at VARC (Visual Arts in Rural Communities). Thank you for your support in contributing safe, natural materials for the children to use. Mrs Basing was impressed with the creativity of the children, all of whom rose to the challenge of creating a sculptural form from sustainable, low impact materials. This day also made us think about the biodegradable, handmade alternatives to tinsel and glitter, especially as many pupils care deeply about protecting the environment and animal world.

On behalf of all the staff, may I wish you all a very merry Christmas when it arrives next week, and all the very best for 2019!

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



22nd & 23rd December at Wallington: With themes from conservation and wildlife to family stories, look out for the '50 Trees of Wallington' symbol as you explore the house, grounds and garden. 25 of the trees are in the grounds, café, shop and visitor welcome area while the other 25 are in the House. Suitable for all the family from 10am-7.30pm



22nd & 23rd December: Pit Yard Skating - Woodhorn Museum are open for their magical Winter Ice event. Come along and enjoy festive fun for all the family. Woodhorn Museum, Ashington, NE63 9YF. 10am – 4pm. Adult £5 Child £4





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Attendance this week – 97.4%



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



SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (148)	MERLIN (123)	OSPREY (116)	PEREGRINE (112)
Grace & Daniel (Y5) Anna (Y6) Harlie (Y7) Alex (Y8)	Cameron (Y5) Callum (Y6) Shaun (Y7) Erin (Y8)	Ebony (Y5) Max (Y6) David (Y7) Bethany (Y8)	Shane (Y5) Emma (Y6) Imogen (Y6) Imogen (Y8)

Maths Whizz Autumn Term Champions:

Congratulations to the following pupils for top performances this term.

Y5: Harry, Sam C, Philip, Grace, Shane, Sam B

Y6: Arthur, Callum, Lucy F, Nina, Aidan, Bayleigh



Accelerated Reader Word Count Champions

Y5: Harry (261,163) Daniel (259,554) and Angus S (187,696)

Y6: Katie (607, 204) Nina (483, 735) and Angus D (216, 765)

Y7: David (337, 206) Will (336, 334) and Archie (211, 703)

Y8: Alex (703, 820) Jacob (398, 127) and Samantha (205, 011)



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Reader



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ADT Creativity at Christmas VARC Day:

We were very impressed with how well pupils rose to the challenge of using natural materials to create sculptural forms such as festive wreaths, willow angels and even habitats for ceramic creatures made this term in ADT. Amidst all the traditional tinsel and glitter, this opportunity to work with VARC artist in residence, Megan Randall, made us all think about the sustainable use of low impact materials, which are also free. A special thank you must go to both VARC and Mrs Basing for organising such a memorable experience for everyone.





MEMOS AND REMINDERS

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! Thank you to those who have already offered so far...



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. **Now that the dark nights are here, please also ensure that your child’s bike has lights to keep safe and be seen.**

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 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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Fri 21 st Dec	Carol Service at St Cuthbert’s Church – 11am
Fri 21 st Dec	Christmas Celebration Assembly – 2.50pm
Mon 7 th Jan	Teacher Training Day – no pupils
Tues 8 th Jan	Spring term – pupils return to school
Tues 8 th Jan	Epiphany Assembly
Fri 11 th Jan	Whole School Theatre Royal Trip to Pantomine
Fri 11 th Jan	London Trip – £70 instalment due for method one
Wed 16 th Jan	Y6 Dr Barnardo’s Outreach
Wed 6 th Feb	KS2 North East Choir of the Year Competition – Durham Cathedral: trip leaves at 8.30am – <u>advance warning that an early arrival at school is needed</u>