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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Today, you will receive an interim progress report for your child. We hope that you will find this information useful in deciding which teachers you would like to see at our forthcoming Parents' Evenings. Simply indicate which date you require and initial to request an appointment for whichever subjects in the space provided. You should then send the report back to school with your child. Appointments will be allocated at school and written on the report for your child to return to you. We look forward to talking with as many parents/carers as possible on these nights. If you find that you need more time to talk to a member of staff, then we are more than happy to make a further appointment to suit.

We were delighted to welcome Northumbria University outreach last Friday as part of our ongoing careers programme for pupils. Y8 pupils rose to the challenge of playing a giant board game with student ambassadors called “Star Student”. This developed a deeper understanding of future choices and pathways at university, including life as a student. Lucky Y6 pupils enjoyed a Lego engineering/coding challenge as part of the university's ‘Exploring Science’ STEM programme whilst our Y5 class rose to a numeracy application challenge called “Maths in Books”. Also for Y5, children in this class will be pleased to know that the Campus Explorers session with Newcastle University (postponed due to the snow) is now rescheduled for 5th April. Finally, please could we ask that any outstanding reply slips for the Y7 ‘Univenture’ day trip to Newcastle University on 26th February are returned as soon as possible. This trip is free for pupils, except the need to bring a packed lunch. If your child has a free school meal, then a packed lunch will be provided. The children will be back in time for buses.

A sincere thank you to all the staff who gave up their time last night to run an excellent Valentine's disco night for pupils. Well done everyone for raising over £200 for school funds, which will be used to benefit current pupils.

Happy half-term to all our pupils and their families! We return to school on Monday 25th February.

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



16th-24th February – Snowdrop Planting, Wallington: Help the Wallington gardeners plant another 100,000 snowdrops this February half-term. Head to the East Wood where you'll find all the tools you need to get stuck into some serious snowdrop planting. FREE to National Trust members. Dogs on leads welcome.

16th February – Centre for Life, Newcastle: A **FREE** monthly computer coding club for people age 8-17 run by volunteers and hosted by Life. CoderDojo is an open source, volunteer-led movement orientated around running free, not-for-profit coding clubs and regular sessions for young people. It is run by external volunteers and hosted by Life. CoderDojo sessions run at Life on every third Saturday of the month. Visitors should bring along their own laptop and power cable if possible. [CoderDojo online booking](#)





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Attendance this week – 96.91%



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



Did you know?

90% attendance is like having a day off every two weeks.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (174)	MERLIN (171)	OSPREY (165)	PEREGRINE (196)
Harry (Y5) Angus (Y6) Lucy (Y7) Alex (Y8)	Alfie (Y5) Lucy F (Y6) George (Y7) Erin & Katie (Y8)	James (Y5) Bob (Y6) William (Y7) Bethany (Y8)	Sam C (Y5) Jenny (Y6) Imogen (Y7) Joseph (Y8)



What might university be like?

Applied mathematics

Design engineering



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Quidditch comes to Bellingham!

As part of our enrichment programme, pupils have been trying out unusual sports. Inspired by the infamous Harry Potter books, we are proud to introduce Quidditch to our Friday afternoon curriculum. Although not literally taking to the skies, the games have certainly been fast and furiously competitive...



Charity News:



Well done to Bethany and the librarians today, who organised and ran their own pop-up book sale in aid of the Childhood Tumour Trust. This event was pupil initiated by children who care very much about others in need of our understanding and support. A total of £50.60 was raised. Great job everyone! A big thank you must also go to Mrs Stutchbury for supporting the children's efforts, and to those who kindly donated books to sell.





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MEMOS AND REMINDERS

School Closures: Find out about school closures by ringing Message Line: 0844 445 7463, charged at a local rate, or listening to BBC Radio Newcastle, or looking at the school or county websites (www.northumberland.gov.uk/alerts).



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

Fri 15th Feb	Interim Progress Reports to parents/carers
Mon 18th-Fri 22nd Feb	Half-term week
Mon 25 th Feb	Pupils return to school
Mon 25 th Feb	Y7 Healthy Relationships NDAS Workshop
Tues 26th Feb	Y7 'UniVenture' at Newcastle University
Wed 27 th Feb	Y6 SATs Information Evening 6.00-7.00pm
Fri 1st Mar	Show Racism the Red Card: Fitness Fun (PE Kits in)
Wed 6th Mar	Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 11th-Thurs 14th	Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 14th Mar	Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
Fri 15th Mar	Red Nose Day
Wed 20 th Mar	London Trip Parents/Carers Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 26th Mar	KS3 Army Youth Engagement Day with Sandhurst (at BMS)
Fri 29 th Mar	Level 3 Bikeability Course