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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Our exciting curriculum is now well underway for all year groups, with a full enrichment programme on offer for your children. This term's options include: Spanish, STEM, Orienteering and First Aid Level One. We are also delighted to welcome Mr Bradford from the county music service to the staff team; he is a music specialist and will be delivering curriculum music on Mondays, including steel pan instrumental tuition for our youngest pupils.

KS2 had an excellent World of Work outing to a restaurant on Tuesday last week. The pizzas made by each pupil were carried proudly back into school and certainly looked delicious. We hope that you enjoyed them. We would also like to let you know that the children's behaviour was super, which bodes well for their next curriculum enrichment trip on 22nd October to Newcastle Reform Synagogue and the Discovery Museum as part of RE and science work. Letter to follow.

Football Club after school on Tuesdays between 3.30pm and 4.30pm starts this week. Please encourage your child to see Mr Ramshaw if he or she is interested in attending. All welcome.

If any pupils are interested in drum lessons through the county music service at school, there may be some capacity to offer this on Mondays. Please ask your child to let Mrs Samuels know if this is the case.

Our new Y6 and Y7 Playground Leaders have been chosen. Congratulations to the following pupils: Grace, Ebony, Alfie, Angus S, Nina, Owen, Isaac, Harriet, Emma and Callum. These pupils will work together to look out for others at breaks and lunchtimes, with the support of staff. We are excited about this new leadership opportunity for younger pupils as they work together positively.

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



14th September - 6th October 2019: Dippy at the Hancock Museum, Newcastle. The Natural History Museum's iconic Diplodocus skeleton cast Dippy is currently on show. Take a trip together to admire this impressive exhibit and learn all about biodiversity and the wonders of the natural world. [Dippy](#)



14th September – 30th November 2019: Brilliant Bricks at the Discovery Museum. A timeline of northern innovation for Lego fans, this event promises to impress with the sheer range of construction on display. [Brilliant Bricks](#)



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PREFECT ZONE

Meet our new school prefects for 2019-20: Will, Ruby, Pippa, David, Charlie, Tayah, Reece and Lucy. We asked them to identify their particular strengths and what they hope to offer the school...

Being a prefect opens up more opportunities for leadership in our school. I am looking forward to doing my best to help other people.

Being a prefect helps us to become more responsible. We can support others and lead events.

This leadership role will boost my confidence in front of other people. It also makes me feel more motivated in lessons knowing I have an important job to do. I am here to help you if you need me.

Helping everyone out in school and making sure everyone's opinions are heard are important parts of my role. I hope to make our school an even better place by working together.

I feel it is important to be a prefect because it will help me develop more responsibility, which I am ready for.

Being a prefect will grow my confidence and help me improve speaking aloud in front of an audience. This is an important life skill. Please ask me if you need help. I will always be there for you.

I am looking forward to leading my house and setting a good example to younger students.

I am nice to people and always try to help. As a prefect, I will try to support others pupils to the best of my ability. This is a responsibility I take seriously.





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Northumberland School Admissions

If your child is starting school or transferring to a different phase of education you need to apply for a place

Reception First and Primary

The online admissions portal for first and primary schools will open on 1 November 2019 and close on 15 January 2020. Allocations day 16 April 2020.

Year 5 middle, year 9 high and year 7 Secondary school

The online admissions portal for middle, high and secondary schools will open on 12 September 2019 and close on 31 October 2019. Allocations day 2 March 2020.

[The Admissions Handbook and full information and guidance on how to apply can be found on Northumberland County Councils website](#)

[Click here to apply for middle school or high school places by 31st Oct 2019](#)

KS2 World of Work – employer encounter and life skills





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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

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

Thurs 19 th Sept	School Photographer in
Tues 24 th Sept	BMSPTCA Meeting at 3.25pm in the community room
Fri 27 th Sept	MacMillan Coffee & Cake Afternoon
Tues 1 st Oct	Y8 HPV Session 1 at BMS
Fri 4 th Oct	Harvest Celebration Assembly at 2pm: all welcome
Thurs 10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day – “Hello Yellow”
Fri 18 th Oct	KS3 Democracy Workshop with Councillors at BMS
Thurs 22 nd Oct	KS2 Synagogue and Discovery Museum Trip
Mon 28 th Oct-Fri 1 st Nov	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Mon 5 th Nov	Teacher Training Day – no pupils
Tues 6 th Nov	Start of autumn second half term begins
Fri 8 th Nov	Prayer Space – Remembrance – open to all
Mon 11 th Nov - 14 th Nov	Science Week: Planetarium for Y5, Y6, Y7 and Y8
Fri 16 th Nov	Children in Need Day
Sat 14 th Dec	Christmas Concert: BMS pupils with Choral Society
Fri 21 st Dec	End of Autumn Term