



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Firstly, a big thank you to Y5 and our Y7 Tour Guides, Elena and Katie, for helping with interviews last week for a new member of staff to cover Mrs Robinson’s maternity leave. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and impressed our visitors with their courtesy and enthusiasm. We are delighted to inform you that Miss McHale will be joining the BMS team and we wish Mrs Robinson all the very best (and lots of well-earned rest!) as she prepares for her new arrival.

Exciting new enrichment options begin this week for all pupils on Friday afternoons: STEM Stop the Spread; Culture Club; Alternative Sports, 500 Word BBC Story Writing Competition and English Ceilidh Dancing, with a visiting specialist. Thank you to Miss Mason for keeping track of children’s preferences and for ensuring that pupils experience a balance of activities across the academic year. Please note that the 500 Word BBC Story Writing Competition is open to all pupils, regardless of whether or not they happen to be in this enrichment group at school. The competition details are included below should your child wish to enter.

Good luck to our runners taking part in the Cross Country Championships tomorrow. We have increasing numbers of pupils who run competitively and look forward to hearing all about it later in the week from Mr Ramshaw.

Finally, well done to all our hard-working Y6 children, who have made a super start to their mock SATS this week. If you are a parent or carer of a Y6 pupil, you should have received an invitation to our SATS information evening on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 6pm at BMS. All welcome.

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

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

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Queen’s Hall in Hexham: FREE** – Celebrate all things drumming at the Queen's Hall Hexham by visiting this FREE event between 10am and 10pm. Organised by the Mark Jon Bolderson Percussion Foundation, performances and workshops will be in the main Theatre for all, with 1:1 clinics for drummers throughout the day, finishing with an evening concert. All welcome.



**Jan 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Discovery Museum in Newcastle: FREE** - A new gallery which brings the 300 year history of England's Northern Cavalry regiments to life, through fascinating historic artefacts, and hands-on activities and displays. Experience the journey many soldiers would have taken, from recruitment and training to front-line duties, and discover original historic accounts based on material from the collection.



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### Attendance this week – 97.76%



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



## Did you know?

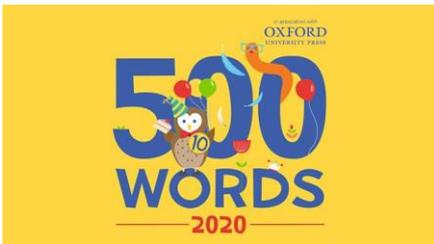
When pupils improve their attendance, they also improve their chances of graduating from college or university.

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (240)	MERLIN (233)	OSPREY (165)	PEREGRINE (230)
Amelie (Y5) Grace & Lillie B (Y6) Elena (Y7) Reece (Y8)	Chloe (Y5) Bobbie (Y6) Arthur (Y7) David (Y8)	Lucy (Y5) Ebony (Y6) Aidan (Y7) Archie (Y8)	Chantelle (Y5) Sam B (Y6) Emma (Y7) Sam B (Y8)

## 500 Words 2020



The UK's largest story writing competition for kids is back for its tenth year. Here's everything you need to know to get involved. How to enter:

All stories must be submitted via the online form on the official website: [BBC 500 Words Story Competition 2020](https://www.bbc.com/500words/story-competition-2020)



What are the prizes? As well attending a spectacular 500 Words Final at Buckingham Palace where superstar celebrities will read the winning stories live on the radio, six amazing illustrators: Tony Ross, Fiona Lumbers, David McKee, Sue Cheung, David Roberts, and Margaret Sturton – will each be set the task of illustrating one the winning stories. The winners in each age category will also receive:

Gold Winners = Chris Evans' height in books and 500 books for their school.

Silver Winners = HRH The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books.

Bronze Winners = Their own height in books.

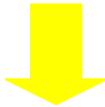
**Deadline: Thursday 27th February at 8pm.**





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MEMOS AND REMINDERS



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

<p><b>Under 13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Roblox</li> <li> PopJam</li> <li> FaceTime</li> </ul>	<p><b>13+</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Twitter</li> <li> Facebook and Messenger</li> <li> Viber</li> <li> WeChat</li> <li> Monkey</li> <li> Yubo</li> <li> Dubsmash</li> <li> Instagram</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> TikTok</li> <li> Skype</li> <li> Google Hangouts</li> <li> Reddit</li> <li> Snapchat</li> <li> Pinterest</li> </ul>	<p><b>16+</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> WhatsApp</li> <li> Telegram Messenger</li> <li> Tumblr</li> </ul>
			<p><b>17+</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Line</li> <li> Sarahah</li> <li> Tellonym</li> </ul>



**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)

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

**Bikeability Week: Levels 1 & 2 (open to all)**

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Y6 SATS Information Evening 6pm at BMS**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Book Bus visiting school (all years)**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Valentine’s Disco – all welcome**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

**Half Term holidays**