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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Firstly, thank you to Mrs O’Kane and Ms Wilson for an excellent SATs information evening. It was great to see so many families at school supporting their children. Support packs are still available from Mrs O’Kane if you did not attend but would like one. Please let us know so that one can be sent home with your child, if required.

Well done to all of our KS2 pupils for their 100% pass rate of Level 2 Bikeability. The course organisers very much enjoyed their time spent with the children, describing the group as ‘exceptional’ for their excellent behaviour for learning, superb energy and enthusiasm throughout the course. Congratulations to: Ebony, Grace, Alfie, Chantelle, Isabel, Lucy M, Anna M, Chloe, Beth, Lily E and Hugh.

Please could we ask all families to ensure that children bring coats to school? When given a choice, pupils typically want to play outside, whatever the weather! They need a coat to be allowed to do so if the weather is particularly unsettled or cold. With possible snow forecast, we would also like to remind you that you can check whether or not school is open during adverse weather conditions by calling **Message Line on 0844 445 7463**. Updates will also be provided on Facebook.

All pupils are invited to our Valentine’s Disco on Wednesday 12th February at 6pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available for pupils to purchase if they wish, including hotdogs, donuts, sweets and drinks. The disco ends at 7.30pm. Pupils must be collected by an adult or have brought a note in giving permission to be allowed to walk home. All welcome!

Have a wonderful half-term holiday. Pupils return on Monday 24th February.

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



25 January 2020 - 22 April 2020 The Sill: Lost Words Festival - a festival dedicated to a book that has become a global movement celebrating language and nature at The Sill: National Landscape Discovery Centre. Aiming to revive and uncover the near-lost magic and strangeness of nature that surrounds us, *Lost Words* conjures back words all but lost from the vocabulary of children – such as acorn, bramble, lark, weasel, willow and wren. [Lost Words Festival](#)



10th Feb 2020: Queen’s Hall, Hexham: Mayor’s Question Time (FREE) Based on the BBC’s Question Time programme but in an informal and relaxed setting, you might have a burning question to ask or you might just be interested in hearing what’s happening. Register to be able to submit questions. Follow this link: [Mayor’s Question Time](#)



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Attendance this week – 94.94%



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



Did you know?

The government expects your child’s attendance to be 95% or better.

Schools are held to account for your child’s attendance.

If your child’s absence drops below 93%, then we need to monitor this closely.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (70)	MERLIN (126)	OSPREY (167)	PEREGRINE (95)
Amelie (Y5) Grace (Y6) Anna H (Y7) Reece (Y8)	Hugh (Y5) Cameron (Y6) Arthur/Callum (Y7) David (Y8)	Jensen (Y5) James (Y6) Max (Y7) Amy (Y8)	Elise (Y5) Shane (Y6) Harriet (Y7) Tayah (Y8)



A warm welcome back to Mollie, our dance teacher, who is delivering specialist sessions to Y5, Y6 and Y7 this term. Pupils returning to Mollie’s expert tuition are enjoying increasingly challenging dance routines across a range of styles. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm from pupils of all ages and abilities as they build on their skills and collaborate creatively together.

Reminder: English Ceilidh dancing begins on Friday 6th March. Pupils in this enrichment group may bring dancewear/shoes if they wish. Trainers are needed for those who don’t have dance shoes.



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SOCIAL MEDIA HEALTH CHECK: Do you know what your child actually uses on his or her mobile phone? Please check your child’s use of social media regularly. Pupils of middle school age are not emotionally ready for social media platforms with higher age limits, despite what your child might tell you.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

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



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.

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

Wednesday 12th Feb

Valentine’s Disco – all welcome (6pm - 7.30pm)

Friday 14th Feb

Residential Trips Second Payment deadline

Monday 17th- Friday 21st Feb

Half Term holidays

Monday 24th Feb

Pupils return

Friday 28th Feb

Y7 Univenture Trip to Newcastle University



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