



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We were extremely touched by the overwhelming support for this lovely school during last week's Ofsted inspection. Whilst we will be able to share the report with you in due course, what we can share now is how proud we are of all of your children – they were absolute stars!

A belated thank you to all those who helped make our Open Evening on 4<sup>th</sup> October such a successful event. It was a pleasure to see what brilliant ambassadors all of our pupil helpers were on the night, especially the tour guides, who confidently guided guests around the school. We are also grateful to the many members of staff who gave up their time to support the evening, and to members of the BMSPTCA who also gave a warm welcome to new families.

Our Harvest Celebration last Friday saw an impressive collection for West Northumberland Food Bank. Thank you everyone for all of your kind donations; to Rector Susan for her address to the school and to those families who joined us for this event, which reminded us about the importance of sharing what we have with others who have less.

On Thursday last week, it was World Mental Health Day and our first ever Golden Day. Pupils rose to the challenge of wearing yellow, to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our emotional wellbeing and raised over £90 for the Young Minds charity. We also began the creation of our school THRIVE tree, with each pupil able to create a message leaf for others. If you would like to add your own leaf, then please ask your child to bring one home for you to create and return.

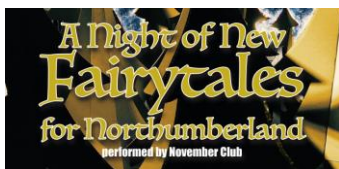
Finally, well done to all pupils taking part in the Buddy scheme. Our Y8 pupils wear special red Buddy badges as a sign of the responsibility they are given to help and support our youngest children as they settle down into life at middle school. This year's initiative has so far seen some super paired reading as pupils shared current and favourite books with one another.

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

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

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Taret Village Hall.** Experience a new collection of local stories inspired by traditional fairy tales. This brand-new production A Night of Fairytales for Northumberland is suitable for 8 years plus. Sit back and experience the magic of our county, its people and challenges brought to life through puppetry and performance, music and wonder. Tickets £5/£4 child or £15 family. Book online: [Tickets](#)



**Until 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019: Discovery Museum, Newcastle - New Arrivals Exhibition: Making Tyneside Home.** Take a look at this powerful portrait in celebration of Tyneside's diverse population. Photographer Jeremy Abrahams captures the experience of people who have migrated to the region from overseas. **Curriculum links: British Values, PSHCE, ADT, History and Geography**



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Attendance this week – 97.27%



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



### Did you know?

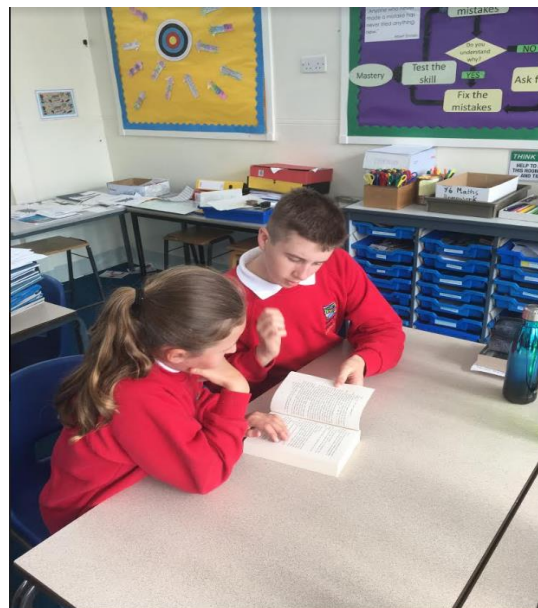
Pupils with good attendance overall are statistically much more likely to gain at least 5 GCSE results. Every day counts.

### SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (101)	MERLIN (144)	OSPREY (115)	PEREGRINE (136)
Jessica & Amelie (Y5) Harry (Y6) Elena (Y7) Harlie (Y8)	Hugh (Y5) Bobby (Y6) Arthur (Y7) David (Y8)	Lucy (Y5) Ebony (Y6) Aiden & Owen (Y7) Will & Archie (Y8)	Elise (Y5) Beth (Y6) Emma (Y7) Imogen (Y8)

**BUDDIES:** Our Y8 and Y5 pupils are paired into Buddies, providing our youngest children with an older mentor to turn to. We have been impressed with how responsibly our older students have taken on this role, including shared time for reading together...





## MEMOS AND REMINDERS

**Admissions 2019:** Further to the letter you will have received from Northumberland County Council about admissions for the next academic year, we appreciate that this is an anxious time for families. If you happen to have any questions, or require any support in understanding what you need to do or not do by the **deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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



**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](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. We would never see a child go hungry; however, 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.

[Click here to apply for free school meals](#)

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	KS3 Democracy Workshop with Councillors at BMS
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	BMSPTCA Curry Night
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	KS2 Synagogue and Discovery Museum Trip
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct-Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Teacher Training Day – no pupils
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Start of autumn second half term begins
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	North East Kids' Lit Quiz: BMS teams competing at GEMS
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Prayer Space – Remembrance – open to all
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Science Week: Planetarium for Y5, Y6, Y7 and Y8
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	VARC Artist in Residence
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	KS3 Newcastle University Outreach: CSI Investigation
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	KS2 Warburtons Healthy Eating Workshops
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert: BMS pupils with Choral Society
Fri 20 <sup>st</sup> Dec	End of Autumn Term



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