

Cambois Blog

Tuesday May 2nd 2017



After School clubs

Last week we were pleased to see children taking part in street dance and rugby. Rugby will be outdoors as we do not have two sets of indoor facilities and parents had requested that clubs would try to be on the same nights so that it saved people coming back and forth for different aged children.. Please make sure your child dresses appropriately. Also if your child does not want to take part please let us know as their place can be given to someone else as in the street dance there were a number of children just sitting out and watching. This makes it very difficult for the coach to try and create a dance and performance. Our three little nursery superstars joined in and this was lovely to see but too many older children opted out. If this happens next week then their place will be given to someone on the reserve list.

Can we remind parents that when money is due it is essential you pay it? I am sure you are aware that we keep costs to a bare minimum for all things in school but when a number of people fail to pay this has a direct affect on our budget. The Dukehouse Wood trip is one of these things. This trip is costing school £150 per child– we charged you £100 for a full weekend trip. Other local schools have charged much more than this and we allowed a number of people an extension to their payment, however, we are now left with almost a third of the group who have not paid and school have had to pay this and this is now money lost. This is not acceptable and we will be unable to do this again. We gave plenty of time to pay in instalments and many parents, including those with more than one child going, managed to pay on time. The other cost we keep chasing weekly is dinner money. The dinner money remains to be the cheapest school in the whole of Northumberland and when parents fail to pay it is directly out of our budget and not the county's. You think not-paying a few pound here and there does not count but sometimes we are hundreds of pounds short for dinner money and the time and effort chasing this money is becoming tiring. Please help us by ensuring you pay your dinner money and commit to costs you have agreed to like Dukeshouse Wood as the school budget is already stretched as it is and this is adding further strain. It will mean we are unable to offer things so cheaply or provide the volume of clubs we do free of charge in the future.

Pupil of the week on Friday was Lacey may Armstrong for brilliant maths work and sensible behaviour. Well done Lacey may.

SATS

Next week our year 6 children spend the week sitting the National tests. We ask every child to remember they are unique and talented in a whole host of ways and all we ask is they try their best. No added pressure will be placed on your child and we try to keep the week as calm and relaxed as possible. It is the law that we sit these tests but we measure children's achievements and progress on a whole host of things. Remember your child should not be absent this week.

The year 2 children will do tests the two weeks following that (15th May). They will think they are doing special jobs and again they will be carried out in small groups with me and Miss Fawcett.

For these weeks the children in these classes get a special breakfast of a bacon or sausage sandwich to start the day so ensure they are on time and in breakfast club.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 8th May—year 6 SATs all week

Friday 12th—year 6 reward trip

Monday 15th May—year 2 SATS

Monday 22nd May—Science Week in school

Friday 26th May—break up for the holidays (green trip)

Friday 9th June— Sunday 11th June 2p.m. ish

trip to Dukeshouse Wood for children in yr 3,4,5 &6