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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We had an excellent World Book Day this week, with many pupils dressing up as a character from a favourite book and all pupils competing in our annual BMS House Lit Quiz afternoon. Pupils were placed in vertically grouped house teams, allowing Y5, Y6, Y7 and Y8 children to work together in small groups to compete for their house. Rounds were themed and the competition was fierce, with individuals winning spot prizes for correctly guessing authors. In the end, Merlin's score was the highest overall, earning 100 extra house points this week. Fantastic result, Merlin! Congratulations are also due to the highest scoring individual team of the whole competition, which was from Osprey House: Will (Y8), Meadow (Y7), Owen (Y7) and Ebony (Y6).

SATs Revision Club starts this week for any Y6 pupils who would like this extra opportunity to work with their Maths and English teachers, perhaps to ask about any tricky areas they would like individual help with. This club is open to all Y6s and is free. Thank you to Mrs O'Kane and to Ms Wilson for their hard work in supporting the children. Keep going Y6!

All pupils are invited to our rescheduled School Disco on Wednesday 11th March 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!

Finally, we are supporting Sports Relief 2020 on Friday. All monies raised will go to the Sports Relief charity, which ensures people have a safe place to be; helps children to survive and thrive; reduces fear, violence and discrimination and improves mental health support. Your child is invited to come to school dressed up as a sports star for a suggested donation of £1.

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
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](#)



Book in advance to see The Secret Garden at Hexham's

Queen's Hall: This classic tale is relocated to modern day, rural Northumberland and weaves brand new folk songs into this enchanting tale of one girl bringing a household and its garden slowly back to life. May 12th 2020 at 6pm. [The Secret Garden](#)



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Attendance this week – 97.31%



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



Did you know?

A child who misses school just twice per month will lose out on 18 days' education across the school year – that's nearly four weeks.

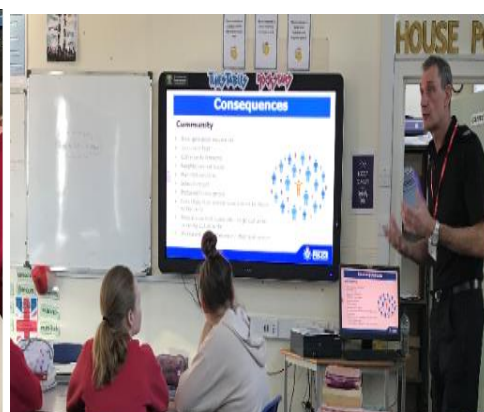
SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (133)	MERLIN (146)	OSPREY (89)	PEREGRINE (123)
Isabel (Y5) Philip (Y6) Elena (Y7) Harlie (Y8)	Logan (Y5) Liam (Y6) Meadow (Y7) Amy (Y8)	Chloe (Y5) Bobby (Y6) Honey (Y7) David (Y8)	Elise (Y5) Sam (Y6) Amy (Y7) Tayah & Imogen (Y8)



KS3 & Northumbria Police: All of our KS3 pupils have been lucky enough to benefit from a knife crime education programme in school this week. Y7 and Y8 pupils learned about good choices to keep themselves safe and considered the consequences of their actions, especially if they feel under pressure from their peer group. We would like to thank John Ord from Northumbria Police for his important work with our students and also the pupils themselves for impressing John with their excellent engagement and mature, considered debate.





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Thank you for a brilliant BMS World Book Day 2020!



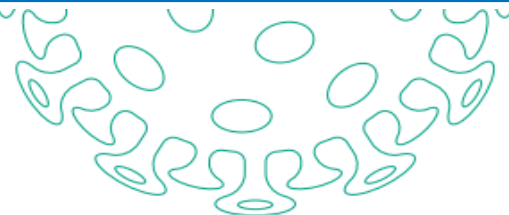

WORLD
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Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?


- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?


- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?


If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue




Bin it




Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser


You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser




After breaks & sport activities




Before cooking & eating




On arrival at any childcare or educational setting




After using the toilet




Before leaving home




Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels




Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.



If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Tues 10th March

Y6 SATS Revision Club starts 3.30-4.30 pm

Wed 11th March

Y5 VARC Artist in Residence Workshop

Wed 11th March

School Disco 6 - 7.30pm at BMS – for all pupils

Fri 13th March

Lent Prayer Space – optional for all pupils

Fri 13th March

Sports Relief – come as favourite sports star for £1



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