



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been quite a week with several members of staff isolating due to Covid! Fortunately, we have a great team who have rallied round and pulled together which has meant that school has run very smoothly.

Mrs McGregor has had our pupils putting their painting skills to the test this week! They have created the most amazing mural along our corridor walls which has brightened the space up a great deal. Watch out for more photos on our Facebook page.

At the time of writing this, Storm Eunice doesn't seem to have caused too much trouble our way – yet – fingers crossed for the rest of the day!

Stay safe and have a wonderful week.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 28th February.

Lindsay Hamilton



Attendance this week:

94%

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

Did you know...?



Attendance	Description	Approx. days lost per year	Approx. weeks lost per year
98 – 100%	Excellent	0 to 4	Less than 1
95 – 98%	Good	5 to 9	1 to 2
93 – 95%	Satisfactory	10 to 13	2 to 3
90 – 93%	Unsatisfactory	14 to 19	4 to 6
>90%	Persistent Absence	More than 19	More than 4

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

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

Please remember holidays in term time will be unauthorised.



In science, Year 7 carried out an investigation into whether tea particles diffuse quicker in cold or hot water. Unfortunately, lab rules meant they couldn't have a cuppa at the end!



Madame Jessett is leaving us at Easter to pursue a full-time role at Northumberland County Council as an EAL teacher. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and wish her well in her new venture. We're delighted to announce that Mrs Kim Davis will be joining our team as our new MFL leader from Easter. Mrs Davis is an MFL specialist teacher, currently teaching in Gateshead, and is looking forward to working in a smaller, rural school.



We're also thrilled to announce that we have appointed a Maths subject leader who will also join us after Easter. Mrs Lyndsey Robinson will hit the ground running, no doubt, in the build-up to SATs and we're looking forward to her becoming a part of our team. She has many years of experience both teaching maths, as well as tutoring maths to A'Level.



Enriching Embroidery!

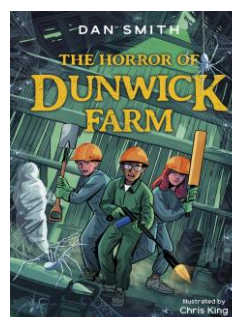
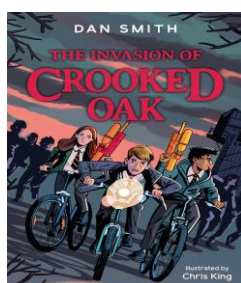
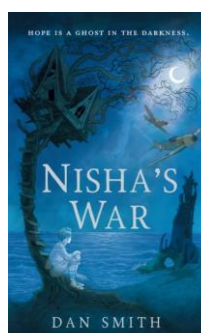
Well done to Brooke, Amelie, Jess and Lucy who have all produced some amazing textiles enrichment homework! The attention to detail with their sewing has really impressed Mrs O'Kane.



Ethan (Y6) has produced a lovely bookmark for his enrichment homework and has also included the materials used, his method and an evaluation. Very impressive. Well done, Ethan!

Author Visit!

We are delighted to be welcoming local author, Dan Smith, into school on 7th March. Dan will be talking about his work and will follow by delivering a creative writing workshop around the theme of: *Time Travel with the Romans*. Pupils will be able to purchase one of his books on this day at a reduced price. There will be several titles to choose from.





Lunch Menu

After meetings with parents and Neil from The Boe Rigg, we now have an altered menu ready to go after half-term! We hope that these options appeal to a wider number of children. Don't forget, we are holding a tasting session for pupils and parents on Wednesday 9th March. Anyone wishing to attend must complete the online form [here](#) by Monday 28th February.

Week 1: 28 th February – 4 th March			Week 4: 21 st March – 25 th March		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Mince & dumplings, mashed potato and vegetables	Vegetable pasta bake & crusty bread	Chicken curry, fried rice and naan bread	Traditional ham & pineapple mini pizza and potato fritters	Mini fish & chips with peas
Or...	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings: cheese, ham, beans, chilli				
Dessert	Fruit crumble & custard	Cheese & crackers	Sugared jam doughnut	Creamy rice pudding with dipping cookie	Angel delight
Week 2: 7 th March – 11 th March			Week 5: 28 th March – 1 st April		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Roast chicken dinner, roast potatoes, vegetables & Yorkshire pudding	Mini burgers in a bun & chips (cheese optional)	Cheese & Onion pastie, hash brown & beans	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Pizza pinwheels (ham) with crispy potato bites
Or...	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings: cheese, ham, beans or Scrambled egg with beans & hash brown				
Dessert	Fruit & jelly	Chocolate bread & butter pudding	Lemon drizzle cake	Sticky toffee pudding & ice cream	Fruit scone topped with jam & fresh cream
Week 3: 14 th March – 18 th March			Week 6: 4 th April – 8 th April		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausage & mash with carrots and gravy	Chicken pie with roast potato bites, carrots & broccoli	Cheese topped shepherd's pie & steamed vegetables	Sticky hoisin chicken stir fry with noodles	Hot dog in a bun with onions and potato skins
Or...	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings: cheese, ham, beans or Tuna & sweetcorn rainbow pasta bake				
Dessert	Chocolate crispie cake	Meringue with fresh fruit and toffee sauce	Sprinkle cake	Mousse & cookie	Chocolate cake & pink custard

Fresh fruit is available on a daily basis in school if pupils do not want to choose a pudding.




As a school, we fully recognise the benefits of using The Thrive Approach, and we're really lucky to have Mrs Fletcher as our 'Thrive' champion. Not only does she support our pupils, but also our staff in developing their daily

wellbeing sessions as well as our families. She has asked to share this self-care bingo resource so that we can all check in on our self-care routines during the holidays and make B.I.N.G.O. with our family and friends fun again!



Self-care bingo

Drink lots of water	Enjoy time outside 	Create your own daily affirmations	Set aside some quiet time to relax	See someone that makes you happy	List three things you enjoyed about this week	Have a good night's sleep
Tidy your room	Have a bath	Try a new hobby	Make someone smile	 Listen to your favourite music	Watch your favourite film	Create a bucket list
 Read your favourite book	Have a dance around	Try meditation	Eat a nutritious meal	Focus on what you can control	Have a digital detox	 Say something nice to yourself in the mirror
Think what you are thankful for	 Try a new sport	Talk about your feelings with someone you trust	Practice calming breathing techniques	Dress up in your favourite outfit	Establish a morning routine	Spend time with friends
Have a treat night	Ask for help when you need it	Do stretches or yoga	 Go for a walk	Set yourself some realistic goals	Start a journal	 Celebrate your success - no matter how big or small



School News



Would your child like to learn how to play the acoustic guitar? We have places available for one-to-one and/or small group tuition (maximum of 3 pupils) during the summer term. Prices start from £6 per 30-minute lesson. These lessons are on offer to all pupils across the school. For more information and/or to register your interest, please contact our music teacher, Ms Esposito, at:

Sharon.Esposito@bellinghampartnership.uk



Below is a list which gives details of all the Covid Immunisation Hubs available to parents during half-term if your child missed the vaccination in school. Although we have no specific times details, there are drop-in sessions running all week.

Venue	Postcode	Distance from school
Bellingham Masonic Hall (Parkside Pharmacy)	NE48 2AS	0.36
The Sele Medical Practice	NE46 1QJ	13.28
Health Hut Pharmacy & Clinic	NE61 2BD	21.62
Blaydon Childrens Centre	NE21 5EZ	24.65
The Church Of The Ascension (Wellfield Pharmacy)	NE3 4UN	25.41
Guidepost Scouts Hq (Lobley Hill Pharmacy)	NE62 5DF	25.48
Newcastle Racecourse	NE3 5HP	26.17
Village Surgery	NE23 6US	26.37
Crescent Pharmacy	NE63 9LU	27.50
P2 Newcastle Upon Tyne Centre For Life	NE1 3BZ	27.57
Oxford Centre	NE12 8LT	27.63
Lobley Hill Vaccination Site (Pharmacy Service)	NE11 9LJ	27.76
White Swan Centre (Ipharmac)	NE12 6SS	27.94
Northumbria University - Coach Lane Campus (Wellfield Pharmacy)	NE7 7XA	28.29
Erith Health Centre	NE8 4QS	28.32



Looking for a challenge? If so, then we need you! Our governing body currently has vacancies and if you'd like to get involved in the education of children and help the next generation, as well as having the opportunity to be involved in the strategic decisions and future direction of our partnership, then this is the

role for you. If you're interested, please email a short piece of text which provides some background information about yourself and also outlines why you would like to become a school governor to the email below, no later than **Monday 28th February at 9am.**

governors@bellinghampartnership.uk



Dates for your diary

Monday 28 th February	School opens
Monday 28 th February	Bellingham Heritage Centre Visit – Y6
Thursday 3 rd March	Inspiring the Future – online careers event (Y8)
Thursday 3 rd March	Indoor Athletics – Wentworth, Hexham (KS2/3)
Thursday 3 rd March	Y6 SATs parents' evening – 6pm
Friday 4 th March	Mental Welling / Body Image workshops (Y5 – Y8)
Monday 7 th March	Visiting author (Dan Smith) – writing workshops
Wednesday 9 th March	School Lunch Taster Afternoon – parents & pupils
Friday 18 th March	STEM – Sea Cadets Workshop – KS3
Thursday 24 th March	Northumbria Police – Hate Crime – KS3
Monday 28 th March	Wellbeing Week – PE kit every day (Y5 – Y8)
Monday 28 th March	Bikeability Week (more details to follow)
Monday 4 th April	Book Fair – in school all week
Friday 8 th April	School closes for Easter holidays