



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone after the half-term week off. Just as we hope that spring is just around the corner, February seems to be bringing snow across higher ground. Remember that you can check whether or not school is open during adverse weather conditions by calling Message Line on 08444457463. Updates will also be provided on Facebook.

Thank you to Rector Susan for visiting school this afternoon to give a special assembly about Lent. Afterwards, lucky Y5 pupils enjoyed RE/food technology session learning all about the significance of Shrove Tuesday. We hope that they will now be able to prepare you a delicious pancake or two!

Y7 pupils are off to Newcastle University on Friday this week for their UniVenture. Letters have been issued today. The visit takes place during the course of the normal school day and children will be back in time to catch their buses home. Please return consent slips as soon as possible.

Y8 pupils are also out in Newcastle on Friday, visiting the Centre for Life as part of their science curriculum. If your child is on this trip, please see the separate letter and return the consent slip as soon as possible.

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Headteacher

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### 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](#)



**29th Feb 2020: The Chorister School, Durham (FREE):**

Does your child love to sing? Enjoy an afternoon making music with the Durham Cathedral Choristers, enjoying craft activities and getting a taste of life at The Chorister School, an ‘excellent’ school at the heart of Durham’s World Heritage Site. Boys and girls in Years 2-6 invited to this free event.

[Chorister Experience Day](#)



## Attendance this week – 90.84%



*Please take extra care and time to keep safe when travelling to and from school in adverse weather.*



## Did you know?

**School bus cancellations are not a school decision. To check whether or not your child's school bus is running, click on the link below:**

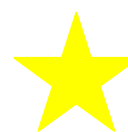
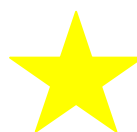
**[Northumberland CC Alerts](#)**

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (70)	MERLIN (72)	OSPREY (96)	PEREGRINE (41)
Jessica (Y5) Grace (Y6) Anna H (Y7) Harlie (Y8)	Chloe (Y5) Alfie (Y6) Arthur/Callum (Y7) David (Y8)	Jensen (Y5) Liam (Y6) Max (Y7) William (Y8)	Lucy (Y5) Beth (Y6) Harriet (Y7) Tayah (Y8)

**KS2 Food Technology:** The wonderful aroma of fresh baking wafted down the corridors recently as our Y5 pupils made a brilliant effort with their cheese scone recipe of the week. Well done everyone, and a special mention to Tommy, who is this week's star baker!





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### KS3 Textiles Update:

Congratulations to these creative KS3 pupils, who have designed and made cushions for a member of their family. They created a mood board, cut out the cushion, designed and sewed the appliqué patterns and used the sewing machines to finish off. Great job!







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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](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. 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](https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free_School_Meals)

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Pupils return

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Y7 Univenture Trip to Newcastle University

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Y8 Science Trip to Centre for Life

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Y6 PSHCE Operation Encompass Workshop

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Family Drop-In: Operation Encompass