



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half-term! As you know, unfortunately, we have had to reintroduce certain measures this week in school, following advice from NCC regarding Covid-19. Pupils have managed extremely well and continue to be sensible, mature and resilient with our daily procedures. Disappointingly, we have had to postpone some of our planned events and, as always, put safety first. Those affected have been informed. We appreciate this is a huge disappointment but we hope to be able to reschedule in future. I cannot stress how important regular testing is at the moment in order to minimise the spread of Covid and keep our school as safe as possible. Thank you to those who have contacted us this week with concerns or queries. Please keep talking to us if you are worried about symptoms or need advice about what to do. We're always here to help.

Appointments for our forthcoming parents' evenings are now 'live' online. Details have been shared and if you need support booking appointments, please do contact us.

Please bear with us next week as we are moving to a new, digital phone-line. No doubt we will have one or two teething problems and if you're finding it difficult to contact school, please use our admin email: middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.



Lindsay Hamilton

Attendance this week:

90%

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.



Brilliant Boccia

Today saw the final of our boccia tournament, which has been taking place over the past month. The winner was Elise who beat Jensen in a close final, showing tremendous skills. Well done as well to Dan who took 3rd place.



Well done Elise and Jensen – it was a tense final!





Star Gazing Astronomy Evenings!

RTC Sports are delighted to be hosting two, family star-gazing astronomy evenings at the RTC, Otterburn on 12th of November and 10th of December from 6.30pm - 9pm. These will be hosted by a local expert and will involve a general introduction to the stars and beyond, star gazing (fingers crossed for a clear night), as well as some hot chocolate and treats. Telescopes will be available to share. Adults £10, children £5 (not recommended for under 5s). Please email: activities@rtc sports.co.uk for further information or to book a space.



We are supporting the Royal British Legion again this year by selling a range of goodies for a donation of 50p. Those wishing to support this worthwhile cause can pop along to see Mrs Thompson all next week and choose from a range of poppies, keyrings, rulers and wristbands.

Teatime Tunes

Join our online folkgroup for young, enthusiastic instrumentalists



Come and learn new tunes & play your favourites with other musicians from across Northumberland in a fun and welcoming atmosphere

Mondays 6 - 6.45pm

Autumn Dates: 8th, 22nd Nov & 6th Dec

NEW IN PERSON SESSION Saturday 11th December 10.30-12.30

Open to under 18s

No folk music experience needed

Suitable for intermediate instrumentalists (1 yr of playing - grade 4 level)

Any questions and to sign up - contact us:

rachel.robbs@northumberland.gov.uk



Dates for your diary...

Thursday 11 th November	Pawtential Unleashed – visiting support dog
Friday 12 th November	The Sill, Northumberland National Park – Y6
Thursday 18 th November	Online Parents' Evening: 4pm – 7pm
Friday 19 th November	Curry Night at BMS from 7pm
Tuesday 23 rd November	Online Parents' Evening: 4pm – 7pm
Tuesday 7 th December	Marine Society and Sea Cadets workshop – Y5 & Y6
Wednesday 8 th December	Marine Society and Sea Cadets workshop – Y7 & Y8
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13 th December	Enrichment Homework reward - afternoon
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas Parties - afternoon
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Fayre: 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas Performance – 10:00am, St Cuthbert's
Friday 17th December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Training Day
Wednesday 5th January 2022	School opens for Spring term
Friday 7 th January 2022	Pantomime, Theatre Royal, Newcastle
	(Oh yes, we are!)