



“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Have you had your say about the future of your local middle school? If you haven't done so already, please remember to make your voice heard by sending a letter to: The Executive Director of Children's Services, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 2EF. If you prefer, then you could also email your response to Educationconsultation@northumberland.gov.uk. The deadline is midnight on **7th June** 2018.

A further parent-led meeting planned for **4th June** at the middle school, which will be attended by Councillor Bernard Pidcock, is open to all from 4pm. All welcome. Everyone is also invited to ask questions and express views at the beginning of the next Tynedale Local Area Council meeting at 4pm on **12th June**. Venue to be confirmed on the NCC website and our next bulletin. Come along and have your say!

With best wishes from all the staff for a relaxing and sunny half-term.

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS BANK HOLIDAY?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



26th May 2018 - HEXHAM GATHERING: Celebrate Youth Folk Music around the Bandstand in Hexham. Enjoy performances from dance teams, youth folk ensembles, ceilidh bands, soloists, duos and trios will take place between 11.30pm - 3.30pm including the traditional ceilidh around the bandstand. Venue: Hexham Bandstand, 9 Beaumont St, Hexham. 11.30am-9pm.

Northumberland
COUNTY SHOW



28th May 2018 – Northumberland County Show: Plan an amazing family fun day at the show with local crafts, produce and the finest farm livestock on show. There is something for everyone to enjoy, with soft play to tractors, climbing walls to street food and art exhibitors to shopping. Come and celebrate Northumberland! Bywell Hall, Near Stocksfield, NE43 7AB. Free parking for all. 9am-6pm.



26th and 28th May 2018 - Amble Puffin Festival celebrates the Coquet Island puffins. Fun and activities in the Friendliest Port at the best time of year to see our local puffins, as they prepare to take care of their newly hatched pufflings. The festival will include: guided nature walks, bird watching, local history talks, photo exhibitions, arts and crafts, watersports and live music. There will be events to interest all age groups. Venue: Amble town centre 10am – 4pm.



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Attendance this week – 90.4%



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



Did you know?

If you continue to attend only 90%, then you have only a 60.4% chance of 5 decent GCSEs.

This is because 90% attendance means 10% absence.

90% attendance means an average absence of one half-day every week.

Half a day per week means four weeks of lessons missed over a year.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (129)	MERLIN (164)	OSPREY (132)	PEREGRINE (98)
Anna & Isaac (5A) Katie (5R) Keiran (Y7) Emily D (Y8)	Hannah (5A) Lucy F & Lillie (5R) James (Y7) Lucy (Y8)	Jess (5A) Honey & Max (5R) Phillip (Y7) Lucy N (Y8)	Harriet (5A) Amy (5R) Annalise & Callum (Y7) Sophie (Y8)



Charity News: Well done everyone for raising £105 for the Childhood Tumour Trust. Bethany, our very own NF1 warrior, accepted a cheque on behalf of her school to go towards the work of this fantastic charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Summer Production: Well done to everyone who auditioned and congratulations to all those who have been allocated a part. Whether this be big or small, every cast member is essential. Please learn lines over the holidays. No scripts after half-term!



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Class Zone:

Y5 pupils have enjoyed drama work within English this week as part of their *Introduction to Shakespeare* topic. Some excellent tableaux were performed, capturing dramatic tension in scenes from “Romeo and Juliet”. Some budding thespians here!



Y6 had a lovely treat this week as an ice-cream van made a surprise visit to school, with free ice-creams for all our fantastic pupils post-SATs. We hope Miss Mason enjoyed one too!



In Y7, everyone has been hard at work, researching chosen topics for their TEDx talks. Thanks to Miss Taberham, pupils are newly inspired to showcase their public speaking about issues which really matter to them, such as animal testing and children’s mental health. We are looking forward to hearing their voices very much.



Y8 mathematicians have been hard at work this week. Card games were used to learn about probability. Some outstanding collaboration here from a super class.



MEMOS AND REMINDERS



School Transport: Do remember that the deadline for school transport applications is 30th June 2018. Late applications may result in a delay in receiving bus passes.

Stationery Shop Current Stock List	
Black pen	50p
Blue pen	50p
Pencil	30p
Rubber	20p
Pencil sharpener	20p

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

Dinner Money: Please could we ask for your help here? If you are sending money into school to pay for several days at a time, this needs to be in a **named envelope**. It would also be much appreciated if you could put your **child's name on the back** of any payment by **cheque**. Thank you for your support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Friday 25 th May	Break up for half term
Monday 4 th June	Back to school after half term
Thursday 7 th June	Area Athletics @ Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham
Friday 8 th June	KS3 Hawkhirst Trip
Friday 8 th June	KS2 Kids' Lit Quiz Trip
Tuesday 12 th June	Y5 Kielder Trip
Thursday 14 th June	Y6 STEM/Maths Challenge Trip @ Mowden Hall
Monday 18 th June	“Be Safe” workshops in school – all years
Wed 20 th June - Fri 22 nd	KS2 Kingswood Trip
Sat 23 rd June	County Athletics @ Gateshead Stadium
Tuesday 17 th July	Summer Production at 6pm