



READING AT HOME

At the meeting for parents earlier this week we highlighted the importance we place on developing the children's reading from very early on.

Reading at home (with and to your child) makes a huge difference and helps your child develop as a reader much more quickly. Reading is not just about being able to physically read a book though; it is about being able to fully understand it. At the Parents' Meeting we

explained that we think **children should only be changing their school reading books once or twice per week** although we would still encourage reading at home every day. Like our Read Write Inc programme, we would like to encourage children to **read their book with you 3 times:**

First Read - Learn to read all of the words

Second Read - Develop an understanding of the book (How characters feel, why something happened, which words give further meaning, what may happen next etc)

Third Read - Read the book as a storyteller using appropriate expression (shouting, whispering, pirate accent etc)

We can tell a child really understands a book if they can read it with appropriate pace and expression!!

Please continue to write into your child's reading record each time they have read with you.

Very soon we're looking to develop the use of our library more so you will be able to come and borrow more books to share with your child.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Michelle Morrison
Amelia Wilson
Cameron Taylor
Emily Stevens
Shannon Taylor
Kye Heron

PTA MEETING

Our PTA are holding their first meeting of the school year on Thursday 20th September at 9am in the meeting room opposite the school office. New members are always welcome. Please come along and join in - we're always looking for new ideas o help raise money for the children.

KEEPING UP WITH THE KIDS MATHS

If you're interested to know more about this FREE training opportunity for parents based around helping your children with numeracy through a very practical approach, then come along to our 'Cuppa and Chat' on Tuesday 18th September at 2.30pm in the hall to find out more. The course will begin on Tuesday afternoons from September 25th.



2012 SCHOOL DIARY

****NEW**** Tuesday 18th September	2.30pm in the hall 'Cuppa and Chat' for Parents interested in joining the Keeping Up With the Kids Numeracy Workshops
****NEW**** Tuesday 25th September	3.30pm - Clubs restart for Y2, 3 & 4 children
****NEW**** Friday 28th September	Parents' Assembly + MacMillan Coffee Morning
****NEW**** Thursday 4th October	9am Starfish Class Assembly
****NEW**** Tuesday 9th October	Individual School Photographs
****NEW**** Friday 12th October	Friday Assembly—soup from harvest
****NEW**** Wednesday 17th October	3.30pm PARENTS' EVENING
****NEW**** Friday 19th October	Friday Assembly—Scarecrow Competition
****NEW**** Friday 26th October	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term Break

Attendance for Week 1

Our overall school target is 95 % attendance. Please help us achieve this EVERY week.

OVERALL—96%

Reception (Turtles)	100%
Year 1 Puffins -	97%
Year 2 Puffins -	100%
Year 3 Starfish-	92%
Year 4 Starfish -	93%



Well Done Turtles and Y2 Puffins!!

A great start.

YEAR 4 PARENTS

Online registration for Middle School is now open!
www.northumberland.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=2310