



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

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Nursery (Seahorses)	-94.3%
Reception (Turtles)	- 100.0%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 99.6%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 98.0%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 97.3%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 97.9%

Well Done Turtles

STARS OF THE WEEK

Lilly Dickinson
Brooklyn Henderson
Lola Robertson
Harry Davison
Will Douglas
Kaidan Ramsay
Mason Crook

2019/20 SCHOOL DIARY

Thursday 30th January	3.15pm—Meeting for Y3 Parents for Y4 Robinwood Residential
NEW Tuesday 11th February	PTA Discos Nursery -Y1: 4-5pm Y2-Y4: 5.15-6.15pm
Friday 14th February	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
Friday 14th February	3.15pm - School Closes for Half Term
Monday 24th February	School reopens
NEW Friday 28th February	5-7pm PTA Movie Night For Y1-Y4
Tues 17th & Weds 18th March	PARENTS' EVENINGS

Y3/4 Challenge with Northumberland Business Partnership

On Tuesday, our Y3 and Y4 children worked with employees of HMRC and the RAF in partnership with the Northumberland Business Partnership. The children learned about teamwork and some engineering skills as they completed the 'Tetrahedron Challenge' which led to them creating two very large pyramid structures in the hall out of just sticks and elastic bands! We're looking forward to working with the Business Partnership again in March in a challenge where the children will create their own businesses!

Packed Lunches

Earlier this week, governors reviewed our school packed lunch policy. We do not strictly police the contents of children's packed lunches but will speak with parents on occasions when packed lunches contain too little food, too much food or are consistently unhealthy. We do our best to encourage all children to eat a healthy, balanced diet and keep a look out for particularly healthy examples of packed lunches to receive Rainbow Plate Awards and a place on the Golden Table. In line with our Food in School Policy, parents are asked not to send sweets or fizzy drinks in children's packed lunches please.

PTA Newsletter

With this newsletter, you'll also find a newsletter from our PTA. This newsletter gives details of the next few PTA events as well as information about how the money that our PTA raises is spent to provide additional opportunities and resources for our children. Our PTA also makes an annual donation to EdUKaid to support the children at Mgao Pre-Primary School in Tanzania. We really appreciate any help or donations that you can offer for events. New members are always welcome - see Mrs Dellbridge in the office for more information!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS CLOSING TIME

Parents are reminded that our daily after school club closes at 5.15pm. We have recently had a number of times when children are collected after this time. In order to cover the additional time that staff need to be paid when children are collected late, we will be making an additional charge of £5 for children collected after 5.15pm.

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacant post on our school governing body for a co-opted governor. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to give their time to be a part of our school in a challenging and supportive role that involves a few meetings each year as well as some monitoring visits. Governors do not need an educational background. People from a range of business backgrounds can also bring important skills, experience and insight to our governing body. Please call in and see Mr Heeley if you know of anyone that might be interested in taking on such a role.

KS2 Benchball Tournament

Well done to all of the KS2 children who took part in the School Games Benchball Tournament at JCSC last night. There was no winner in the tournament as the children helped each other out to make the teams even. The vent was a great success and, as always, our children were impeccably behaved and showed good sportsmanship and respect throughout. Mrs Goodfellow was very proud to manage such a great team!

PUNCTUALITY TARGETS

Our target for lates this half is less than 32. WE EXPECT THE CHILDREN TO BE READY TO COME INTO SCHOOL PROMPTLY WHEN THE DOORS OPEN AT 8.45am. This gives them a settled start to the day. **So far this half term we have 20 lates.**

WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

We choose 5 favourite words in each class each week as well as class words of the week for our Friday assembly. It is important that the children really know and understand the word that they bring in—these do not need to be long or complicated words, just a word that your child now knows the meaning of! Each week the class teacher will choose a selection of these words to discuss with the children during the week and therefore widen their vocabulary. This week's words of the week are: independent (Cali P), decompose (Alex B), occasion (Leyla S), cautious (Olly I)

SWIMMING—NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons next week are for Y2 on Thursday and Y4 on Friday. Please ensure that children bring their swimming kits and contributions to school on the morning of their lessons.