



# Weekly Headteacher's Blog

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our weekly 'Blog' and what a busy week it has been with events in and out of school. Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting on Monday. There were some great fundraising ideas whilst also providing an opportunity for families to get together and have fun. The PTA has kindly agreed to continue to pay for half the cost of transport for all trips (not Willowburn as this is already funded) which is so helpful as it enables us to continue to take children out on educational visits which further enhance and bring to life their learning.

As always, any comments or suggestions for ways in which we can make school even better please do not hesitate to let us know.

Many Thanks,  
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## Safeguarding News -

Thank you for the returned data slips. This week's safeguarding tip is to remember to access NSPCC Share Aware website as it is full of helpful ideas to keep our children safe online. Now that we have older children in school it has been requested that we allow Mobile Phones for children in Class 3 as this would have been the case had they been going to Middle School. I have written a user agreement which will be approved by governors at our next meeting in October. Thank you to all those families who have returned their Home School Agreement, Data Collection Sheets and for children in Class 2 and 3 their Code of Conduct as all these things help us to keep your children safe. If any of these forms have not been returned please do so. This is especially important for the Football Squad as they will be unable to play in a competitive game (the first one is at home on Thursday 5th October) unless both pupil and parent forms are named and signed.

## Updates -

We are still working with NCC planning department with regards to our MUGA. It is possible we will have to re-site the MUGA and this has meant a time delay as we get new plans drawn up and work on funding any additional costs that having our project re-sited has entailed.

Miss Dick and Mrs Chisholm have come back with lots of excellent ideas for our children to do. Thanks to a grant from Northumbrian Water we have been given £500 to pay for equipment.

Please note the old style £1 coins will no longer be legal tender from 5th October.

Well done to the children in Class 3 who have been awarded their Level 1 or Level 2 Bikeability Award. A special thank you to children and their families who came out to St Paul's last night and joined other local schools and the Pearls of Africa children's choir. The performance was amazing and thoroughly enjoyed by all.