



Headteacher's Blog

Friday 12th October 2018.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our weekly blog. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us by email, in person or telephone if you have any suggestions for ways in which we can make school even better! Best Wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Outdoor Seating.

Thank - you so much to Dave Milburn and his wonderful girls for 21 fantastic hand-crafted seats for our outdoor area. They have been made from a beech tree which was blown down in the recent storms so it's great to see such a lovely tree now being used by our children.

Events in School

A great turn- out to our Little Red Hen themed Stay and Play. Also thank-you to everyone who came to watch our match against St Paul's on Wednesday. The children in Class 3 learnt a lot about Indian food and culture with a special visitor arranged by Mrs Fletcher. A great game was had, some excellent play. Well done! Next matches - Girls team on Tuesday 16th against Felton at home - usual kick off. Thursday 18th October Mixed team at home against Ellingham - usual kick off time - 3.45p.m. Anyone who can referee please contact the office.

A great day out!

Once again, I have been extremely proud of our children while they have been out on visits. Last week the Year 6 children who went to the Bring It On Event impressed with their engagement and excellent participation. Early Years were so fantastic and grown up on their trip to Morwick dairy and this week the children from Class 2 were Stone Age Experts during our workshop at the Great North Museum. Thank you to all parents who came and helped. Details of a trip for Class 1 to follow. I am sure parents of children who have already been on trips will agree in saying how invaluable experiences gained on trips out of school are. Thank you PTA for continuing to fund half the cost of transport so that our costs passed onto you as parents and carers are as low as possible.

Reminders

23rd October - Year 5/6 mixed football team match at home.

24th October - Class 3 Assembly 2.30 p.m. in school.

Thursday 25th October - Harvest Festival -Please be aware the date may change as Jane, our Vicar is unable to attend. I will let you know as soon as possible if the date needs to be changed.

School re-opens after half term on Tuesday 6th November.

Mrs Athey is out and about. Next week I will be out for two days , finishing my Thrive training which has helped me learn about ways in which to raise self esteem, stop anxiety and promote good mental health and well- being. I am also out on training so will be out of school much of next week. Mrs Buckingham will cover my class teaching while I am away. Mrs Fortsecue, as Deputy Head and Deputy Safeguarding Lead will be in charge in my absence.

Sponsorship

We are looking for sponsors for a new football kit and rain jacket for our football squad. Anyone who can sponsor us please let us know.

Year 5 and 6 Music Tuition.

This is a new venture and in the first instance places are limited. I now have slips back from interested children and there is so much more interest than we have every had before so in order to pick places as fairly as possible. I will have to pull names out of the hat! Letters with contracts of agreement will be with successful pupils next week. There is 1 place for flute still available and if offered on a first come first served basis. Ian and I are looking at ways in which we can get more musical instruments so that the children who were interested but not lucky enough to secure a place immediately get a chance.