



## NEWSLETTER ~ 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### PERSONAL BEST CERTIFICATES

This week's 'Personal Best' certificates go to:

Lara, Tom (Reception) Hayden Y1, Lydia Y1, Blake Y1, Mason Y1, Madison Y1, Roxanne-Bea Y1, Darcy Y1, Chloe Y1, Ava Y1, Harris Y1, Amelia Y2, Lewis Y2, Charlotte Y3, Fraser Y3, Hannah Y3, Harry Y3, Gracie-Rose Y3, Maya Y3, Millie Y3, Joseph Y3, Cole Y3, Gracie-Mae Y3, Archie Y4, Lily Y4, Harvey Y4, Hannah Y4, Romy Y5, Ellie Y5, Emma Y5, Joseph Y5, Harley Y6,



All of these children should all be very proud of their achievements.

### POLLI:NATION PROJECT UPDATE

As you know, Greenfields is taking part in the Polli:Nation project to help protect the dwindling population of Britain's pollinating insects.



We are currently in the process of transforming our outdoor spaces into more pollinator-friendly habitats.

Next week, groups of children will be working with horticultural experts to improve the Early Years outdoor spaces and the Key Stage 2 playground.

Linked to this Miss Smith would like any donations of unwanted, large plant pots. If anyone is interested in helping with the upkeep of these areas, please see Miss Smith - she would be delighted to have your help.

We would also like to say a big THANK YOU to Rev. Short and other friends from St Columba's for their very kind donation of fuschia plants and bird boxes to encourage more pollinating insects and wildlife to our school site.



## SUMMER I 'GOING FOR GOLD' ATTENDANCE MEDAL TABLE

Class	🏆 99% to 100% 5 points	🥈 97.5% to 98.9% 3 points	🥉 96% to 97.4% 1 point	Points Total
3T	🏆 🏆 20/4 4/5	🥈 27/4		13
4L	🏆 🏆 20/4 27/4			10
1C	🏆 20/4	🥈 4/5	🥉 27/4	9
4S	🏆 27/4	🥈 4/5	🥉 20/4	9
6CE		🥈 🥈 🥈 20/4 27/4 4/5		9
2W	🏆 20/4	🥈 27/4		8
3C		🥈 🥈 27/4 4/5	🥉 20/4	7
5W	🏆 20/4		🥉 4/5	6
6H		🥈 27/4	🥉 4/5	4
2I		🥈 20/4		3
Rec		🥈 4/5		3
5T			🥉 🥉 20/4 27/4	2



270

children had 100% attendance this week. Well done to them all!

### LOWER SCHOOL UPDATE

Mrs Wilson will be leaving us on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May to begin her maternity leave and I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Wilson and her family well. We look forward to seeing her and the baby later this term and her return to Greenfields in the next academic year.

Mr Coverdale has been teaching alongside Mrs Wilson since the start of term and will continue to teach class 2W until the end of term. If you have not yet met Mr Coverdale, he is out on the playground before and after school with all the other teachers and would love to meet you.

Mrs Dobson will be taking on the role of Lower School Leader during Mrs Wilson's maternity leave, so please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dobson if you have any questions.



## THE HISTORY MYSTERY

Mr Lumsdon has set this challenge to all of the children at Greenfields:

On Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire in the south of England, there is a huge man-made circle of standing stones called Stonehenge. It was built by our ancestors over many hundreds of years and is one of the world's most famous prehistoric monuments . . . and one of its biggest mysteries too!



### Stonehenge: How do you think it was built?

This is a question that has baffled people for centuries - and even to this day, no theory has been proven! How could people thousands of years ago have moved and arranged such huge stones?

A legend from the 12<sup>th</sup> century claims that giants placed the stones on a mountain in Ireland, then a wizard called Merlin magically moved the stone circle to England.

Mr Lumsdon would like the children to have a go at explaining how Stonehenge was made. Children can present their answer in any way they want to: written explanations, pictures, diagrams, or even video clips and there will be prizes for the best ideas.

For more information about Stonehenge and a virtual tour, please visit this website:

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stonehenge/>

## CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN REMINDER

If you would like to take part in the 2018 Children's Cancer Run on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, entries are open at [www.neccr.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2018/](http://www.neccr.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2018/)

It is now too late for the Early Bird entry fees, but standard rates are available until Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. It is possible to register to run on the day at the Information Desk, but please note that the 'on the day' entry fee is higher than the standard fee.



# FINALLY . . . SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2018/19

Please remember that we cannot grant authorised leave of absence for term-time family holidays. Authorised leave of absence can only be granted in exceptional circumstances and low cost travel or arrangements made by a family member are not deemed to be exceptional circumstances.

Any requests for leave of absence must be made beforehand, using a leave of absence request form from the school office. A decision can then be made about whether the circumstances are exceptional and therefore warrant the granting of leave.

## North Tyneside Council

### School Term and Holiday dates 2018 - 2019

2018	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Thursday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Friday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Saturday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30

2019	January	February	March	April	May	June
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
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Term profiles		
Term.	Days	Weeks
Autumn 1	40	8
Autumn 2	35	7
Spring 1	30	6
Spring 2	30	6
Summer 1	23	4.6
Summer 2	35	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>39</b>

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 Bank Holidays  
 Holidays