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## NEWSLETTER ~ 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### PERSONAL BESTS



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

Alexander, Ava, Bella, Charlie, Chloe, Daniel, Elise, Emily, Evelyn, Finlay, Freya, Jack, Maxim, Max, Nicole, Paige

~ well done to them all, they should be very proud of their achievements.

### CHILDREN'S COUNTRYSIDE DAY AT WOOLER



On Thursday, all of the children in Year 4 went to the Children's Countryside Day in Wooler, Northumberland. The event is organised by the Glendale Agricultural Society to give children first-hand experience of rural life and connect the countryside to the curriculum.

During the day, the children were given an insight into food, farming and the countryside. They had the opportunity to see farm animals and machinery close up and meet people from the rural community.

All the children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed the day and learned so much about the production of food, food chains and life cycles.

Thank you very much to the parents and carers who came along and supported us at this event. This will be a brilliant introduction to the Y4 Science and Enquiry themes this term.

### PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY REMINDER

If you would like to put yourself forward to be a parent governor, nomination papers are available from the school office and must be returned to the school office before the end of the school day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

You can find out more about the expectations of the role by talking to one of our existing governors about their experience of being a governor, or contacting Harry Corlett, the Chair of Governors, via the school office.

Please note - if there is more than one candidate, the new Parent Governor will be decided by election.



## SUMMER II 2019 ~ ATTENDANCE MEDAL TABLE ~ Week 1

Class	🏆 99% to 100% 5 points	🥈 97.5% to 98.9% 3 points	🥉 96% to 97.4% 1 point	Points Total
4DL	🏆 7/6			5
3CP		🥈 7/6		3
1JC			🥉 7/6	1
3KC			🥉 7/6	1
Rec.				0
1DC				0
2AC				0
2RA				0
4ST				0
5JI				0
5JS				0
6AH				0
6GR				0



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children had 100% attendance this week.

## SPORTS DAYS

We organise Sports Days in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 in Houses instead of year groups to help those parents and carers who have children in different year groups, but are not able to take more than one afternoon out of work in a week.



**Bamburgh**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 1:30 p.m.

**Chillingham**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1:30 p.m.

**Warkworth**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 1:30 p.m.

**Alnwick**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1:30 p.m.

The Nursery and Reception Sports Day will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Pre-School will be having a Teddy Bears' Picnic and Obstacle Races on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - letters with full details will be sent to parents/carers separately.

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school on the day of their Sports Day. The usual PE kit is required - white t shirt, black shorts and plimsolls or trainers.

If a Sports Day has to be postponed due to bad weather, we will text parents/carers at lunchtime on that day; we'll then get back to you with an alternative date as soon as possible after that.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY REMINDER & TERM DATES FOR 2019/20

At this time of year, people are thinking about their holidays. Please remember that our school policy is to send information to the Local Authority, so that they can issue penalty notices for taking unauthorised term time holidays.

A penalty notice is a fine of £60 per parent per child if it is paid within 21 days of receipt. If the penalty is not paid within 21 days, this rises to £120 per parent per child. If not paid in full within 28 days, the Local Authority will prosecute under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 and if found guilty, parents could be fined up to £2,500 or receive up to three months in prison.

The school holidays for 2019/20 are below:

2019	July					August					September					October				November				December			
Monday	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
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	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	
Thursday	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	
Friday	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	
Saturday	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	
Sunday	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	

2020	January				February				March				April				May				June					
Monday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Friday	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	

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Friday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Saturday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
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The dates in red are Bank Holidays and those in blue are school holidays. The yellow day is a possible election date, but that will not affect Greenfields as our school is not used as a polling station.

In addition to the red and blue dates, school will be closed to children for four staff training (INSET) days. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September are our first two INSET days, so children will start the new school year on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**.

We will confirm the date of the third and fourth INSET days as soon as possible; but they are likely to be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## PRE-SCHOOL SPACES



We still have a few spaces available in Pre-School. Places are free for those 2 year olds who are eligible.

At Greenfields, the 15 hours pre-school provision can be taken as either 5 morning or 5 afternoons:

- 5 mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- or** → 5 afternoons from 12:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Please contact the school office to register for a place or to find out more.

## WORK ON DISPLAY AT ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH

Last half term the Enquiry question for Year 5 was 'What if the Vikings had never invaded?'

Some of the children's work about the Vikings, St Cuthbert and the Lindisfarne Gospels will be on display at St Columba's Church from 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June. The work will be part of an exhibition about Northumbrian Saints.

Revd Dr Pauline Pearson would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our children, parents, family and friends to a coffee morning at St Columbas Church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 - 11:30.

In July, the Year 5 children will be visiting the site of the Viking invasion on Holy Island. As they travel across to the island, they will also be thinking about this term's Enquiry question 'What if you had to design and build a bridge?'



## GARDENING CLUB



The gardening club have been busy over the last 10 weeks tidying, weeding and digging ~ and the fruits of their labour are now becoming apparent. The gardeners are thrilled to see that the two raised beds that they weeded, dug over, raked and seeded are now showing evidence of the growth of young wildflowers.

Thank you to the Appleton family for providing some vegetable plants for the children to plant this week.

If anyone has any spare watering cans or time to help on Wednesdays after school, please contact Miss Smith.



## SPORTING SUCCESS

Yesterday the Girls' football team played their second round of league fixtures. They put in two fantastic performances and drew both games 0-0, which means they still haven't conceded a goal in 4 games! Well done girls!

The cricket team also played yesterday, taking part in the North Tyneside Schools' Cricket Tournament. The team played 5 matches against and showed their excellent skills and team spirit throughout the tournament. Well done cricketers!



## FINALLY . . . A MESSAGE FROM GFPTA



Our Summer Fayre will be held after school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

There will be a GFPTA meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 3:30 p.m. in the school hall to discuss arrangements - everyone is welcome, please do come along.

More information will be sent out in a separate letter, but in the meantime, we would welcome any donations for tombola items or for the stalls, e.g. bric-a-brac and books.