



## Dates for your diary

Upper Site Disco  
**10 February**

Lower Site Disco  
**11 February**

Half Term  
**17 – 21  
February**

Year 6 Visit to  
Theatre Royal  
**26 February**

World Book Day  
**5 March**

Y5LS Museum Visit  
**9 March**

Y5BB & Y5AH  
Museum Visit  
**11 March**

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## The Link @ Central – Spring Term Timetable

	9.30 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.00	1.30 – 3.00	3.00 – 4.30
<b>Monday</b>	Maths & English Tutor	Parent Evaluations/ Drop In		Drop In
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parent Drop In	Community Groups		Family Food Circle
<b>Wednesday</b>	Thrive Parent Workshop	Parent Evaluations/ Drop In	Phonics and Reading at Home	
<b>Thursday</b>	Story Sacks/ Volunteering	Parent Evaluations/ Drop In	Healthcare Trainers	Drop In
<b>Friday</b>	Wellbeing & Mental Health	Parent Evaluations/ Drop In		

The Link is a community building that all families/carers of pupils attending either Central or Bothal Primary Schools can access. The Link will offer:

- Drop in sessions at least 4 mornings a week.
- Thrive/positive parenting and cognitive behaviour strategy to be delivered weekly on a Wednesday morning by Gill Knights and Sarah Chalmers.
- Standalone sessions on healthy eating, healthy living, head lice, managing on a budget, life skills, craft sessions, parent and children sessions, sewing sessions, keep fit, etc.
- Important information regarding safeguarding, operation encompass and other child protection concerns.
- Sessions on how to support a child's learning at home in Numeracy and Literacy.

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## Reading at Home

The new system for reading at home is well underway. Most children are reading their phonics book three times a week and recording it in their school diaries. The reading wallets are coming in each day and the children love selecting a book to read at home. Please check for any outstanding phonics books / story books that you need to return as we are tracking the rate of returns. Many thanks and happy reading!



# Sanctuary Award

The Ashington Learning Partnership has officially become a 'Trust of Sanctuary'. This award acknowledges the role the Trust plays in supporting asylum seekers and refugees within our community.



## E-Safety Advice

### Gaming

Video game ratings using the PEGI (Pan-European Game Information) system became legally enforceable in 2012. This means that retailers who sell titles with ratings of 12, 16 or 18 years to children below the age limits can be prosecuted. The PEGI rating considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. For example a PEGI 3 game will not contain any inappropriate content, but it may be too difficult to master for younger children and while a PEGI 18 game may be very easy to play, they contain elements inappropriate for a younger audience.

Many games that young people play are online and allow them to play against their friends and other people in the online gaming community. It is important that young people feel safe and in control when they are playing against others online. As part of our e-safety curriculum we stress the importance of being respectful and responsible towards others when online, keep personal information private and to speak to an adult if they are worried or concerned.

There are a number of ways that you can support your child to be responsible and safe digital citizens:

- ✓ Have regular chats about what they are they are accessing online.
- ✓ Consider setting time limits on the amount of time they spend online or playing games.
- ✓ Download or buy appropriate age related games.
- ✓ Regularly check your child's privacy settings on phones and tablets.

## Gymnastic Trio's Success



Congratulations to the three girls who represented Bothal Primary School at a gymnastic competition in December. They qualified as a team to the next round.

## Smart Watches & Activity Trackers

Please remember that Smartwatches (devices that can access the internet and can receive messages and phone calls) are not allowed in school and must be handed in with mobile phones if they are brought in. Activity Trackers (devices that monitor health and steps only) are allowed in school but must not be used during lesson times. These devices can be potentially broken easily when children are playing at break and lunchtimes and the school accepts no responsibility for any damage or loss to these devices.

## Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 National Tests (SATs) will be administered in the week commencing 11 May 2020. The timetable is as follows:

Monday 11 May

- English grammar, punctuation
- Spelling

Tuesday 12 May

- Reading test

Wednesday 13 May

- Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)
- Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 14 May

- Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

A SATs presentation night will take place during the next half term where important information will be shared. The date and time for this meeting will be confirmed shortly.

## January's Attendance

Target attendance **above 96%**

Current entire school attendance **95.2%**

Class 6AB	97.5%
Class 6LM	95.8%
Class 6RA	96.4%
Class 5AH	97.1%
Class 5LS	97.7%
Class 5BB	97.5%
Class 4DM	99.0%
Class 4MM	96.5%
Class 4HK	97.5%
Class 3KJ	97.0%
Class 3HW	98.9%
Class 3CG	92.2%
Class 2CB	97.5%
Class 2LJ	97.5%
Class 2CM	98.8%
Class 1RS	98.2%
Class 1ZH	99.3%
Class 1AP	96.6%
Class RAS	95.3%
Class RBM	96.9%
Class RCK	97.7%

## Thank You

We raised an amazing £750.35 from donations at our Christmas performances. A cheque was handed to Linda Fugill from Wansbeck Valley Food Bank, enabling them to purchase essential food items.



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