



Dates for your diary

Lower Site Discos
14 November

Children In Need
Non-uniform day
15 November

Y3 Visit to Vindolanda
21 November

Reception – Y6
Nasal Flu
3 December

Xmas Lunch
17 December

Tyne Theatre Panto
17 December

Information about
Christmas performances
will follow shortly

‘Spooktacular’ Success

For the sixth year running, the Friends of Bothal with help from staff across the Trust, staged a truly impressive evening of fireworks and fun. This year there were approximately 1500 attendees who enjoyed the rides, inflatables and fair. The most popular stall was the tombola - thank you to everyone who donated chocolate. The evening ended with a 16 minute movie themed firework display. We are already looking forward to next year’s event!

The pumpkin competition had some amazing entries and two independent judges picked the following winners:

Central Little Learners, Central Nursery, Y6AB (Bothal) and Y5JP (Central).



Big Summer Reading and Maths Challenge

Every pupil who completed their maths quest pack and big reads during the summer holidays was entered into the prize draw for a chance to win a cinema trip for their class. The winners were Y5BB at Bothal and Y2NG at Central. Both classes headed to the Vue Cinema in Cramlington on Friday 25 October to see ‘Shaun the Sheep: Farmageddon’.

Some of the pupil comments were: “I loved the movie it was amazing 10/10”. “It was soooooo good, I recommend this movie”. “A really good film and funny, good to laugh at ★★★★★”.



Information Sessions

A reminder that you are welcome to attend our Times Tables Rock Stars information sessions as follows:

Upper Site

21 Nov - Y3 & Y4: 5.30 - 6pm
28 Nov - Y5 & Y6: 5.30 - 6pm

Come along and learn about mathematics used in your child's year group in a friendly, informal half hour session. We look forward to seeing you.

2019 Cricket World Cup

The Cricket World Cup paid a visit to school in October. Mark Wood, a former pupil who was part of the winning England team, gave our pupils the advice that "anything is possible as long as you work hard for it".



Football News

The Year 5/6 football team were in action in the U11 Steven Tait Trophy. Having comfortably won all of the matches in their group, they went into the semi-finals feeling confident. Both teams played well and both could have won the game, however it finished 0-0 and went to penalties. Unfortunately Bothal were beaten and unable to retain the trophy they won last year.

The Year 5/6 girls football team have been in action in two competitions recently. Due to their relative inexperience of playing competitive football, the girls unfortunately did not win either of the competitions. However, their enthusiasm, attitude and support for each other was outstanding.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

Thank you to everyone who has collected stickers for the Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign. We reached our target of 300 stickers for both upper and lower sites, with a few to spare, and are entered into the prize draw to be one of 20 primary schools having the chance to win £20,000.

TikTok



We are aware that this is a very popular app with some of our pupils and give below information and guidance given by internetmatters.org

What is TikTok?

It's a social media app that allows users to share 60 second short videos with friends, family or anyone.

What is the minimum age for TikTok app?

13 is the minimum age according to TikTok's terms and conditions.

How does TikTok work?

When you download the app, you can instantly see the videos that others have posted on the channel but are not able to share or post anything until you have set up your own account. The account is automatically set to public so anyone on the app can see what the user shared and we strongly recommend that this is changed to private.

Things to be aware of

Internetmatters.org have reported that parents expressed concerns around inappropriate language of some of the videos posted. Predators seeking to connect with children is another risk.

Not all accounts are genuine and could be set up by people pretending to be someone else and they could post hurtful or upsetting comments.

Reporting inappropriate content

You can report abuse, spam, or anything else that doesn't follow their Community Guidelines within the app. Click on the profile of the account you want to report, click on Settings and then Report.

October's Attendance

Target attendance **above 96%**
Current entire school attendance **96.4%**

Class 6AB	95.8%
Class 6LM	97.3%
Class 6RA	98.4%
Class 5AH	96.4%
Class 5LS	93.9%
Class 5BB	96.3%
Class 4DM	97.1%
Class 4MM	94.4%
Class 4HK	97.2%
Class 3KJ	97.0%
Class 3HW	94.3%
Class 3CG	96.7%
Class 2CB	95.3%
Class 2LJ	96.1%
Class 2CM	98.1%
Class 1RS	96.1%
Class 1ZH	98.6%
Class 1AP	96.4%
Class RAS	92.0%
Class RBM	97.0%
Class RCK	99.0%

Parking Reminder

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all our parents/carers about parking safely and legally when collecting and dropping off children, both at the start and end of the day.

We respectfully ask our parents and other family members to be mindful of private driveways, 'keep clear' and 'no parking' road markings. It is also important that cars are parked safely in ways that do not restrict clear views of safe places to cross the road.

Please feel reassured that if you are running a little late or cannot find a safe place to park, we will always keep your child safe until you arrive.

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