



Dates for your diary

School Photographs
Lower Site
8 & 9 October

School Photographs
Upper Site
10 October

Autumn Fair &
Spooktacular
Fireworks
24 October

Half Term
28 Oct – 1 Nov

Year 6 Application
to Year 7 by
31 October

Reception – Y6
Nasal Flu
3 December

Tyne Theatre Panto
17 December

ASHINGTON
LEARNING
PARTNERSHIP

Curriculum

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent drop-in session, it was great to see so many of you. It is always lovely to hear your positive comments about our school as well as where we can make further improvements. Working together in partnership to ensure that we provide the very best opportunities for our learners is vitally important. To this end, we have been busy updating our website to ensure that it includes lots of information for parents about what we teach. Many of you have asked for access to this information so that you can help your child at home. You will find the following information on the school website under the curriculum tab:

- Long term plans can be downloaded for any year group – Long term plans provide information about the topics we teach in each subject area across the year.
- Medium term plans – Medium term plans are used by teaching staff, but we thought that it might be helpful to upload the front page of each topic – this tells you information about the challenge children are working towards this half term as well as influential figures children will be learning about.
- You can also access information about what we teach through Facebook and Twitter where we post regular updates.

We are really proud of our school's curriculum and hope you enjoy exploring our website www.bothalprimary.co.uk to find out more.

Miss L Hall (Head of School)

Year 2 BMW Challenge

Year 2 pupils at Bothal and Central were visited by staff from Stratstone BMW Tyneside in July, who came into school to judge their engineering projects. They had been challenged to design and build shoebox BMW cars capable of safely transporting a toy down a ramp. Pupils were awarded points based on three main categories. Firstly the judges looked at the build quality of the BMW cars the children had built and their chosen safety feature. Next the cars took part in ramp tests which included marks for the distance the cars travelled as well as a straight line test. Finally pupils were awarded marks for showing 'skills for life' such as resilience, problem solving, team-working and how well they communicated their ideas to the judges. BMW Stratstone brought four BMW's with them, including the new 'i8 Roadster' and the new 'M5', which the very excited children thoroughly enjoyed exploring. The judges were all very impressed by the quality of the work and the enthusiasm of our children.



Allergy Reminder

Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with a nut-based product. Some allergies are so severe that even the slightest contact with nuts would cause a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction. Therefore, for the safety of all please do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for a snack or packed lunch – this includes products that may contain even traces of nuts. Potential allergens could include the following: chocolate spreads, cereal bars, biscuits, condiments such as satay sauce and cakes. Please check labelling as it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts. We also ask that, if your child consumes any nut-based product before school, they wash their hands and rinse their mouths before entering the school grounds. We realise that this is a big change for staff and pupils alike and appreciate your continued support.

Our 'Friends'

As always, our Friends group never quite have enough hands to do all that they want and would love to welcome new members. It doesn't matter if you can only give a little time, it is still invaluable and very gratefully received. Every penny raised goes directly to the children. Please feel free to get in touch via the school office if you would like more information.

Breakfast Club & Wraparound

For all your breakfast club and wraparound bookings please email bothal.wraparound@alptrust.co.uk
To avoid a late charge please book by the Thursday of the week before your requirements.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

This term Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign will give 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for pupils. The promotion runs from now until **Sunday 3 November**.

To take part you collect a Team GB sticker whenever you spend £30 in any Aldi store (*one sticker is provided for every £30 spent, so a customer spending £60 would receive 2 stickers and so on*).

The aim is to achieve 300 stickers by 3 November, so if you have any stickers do not hesitate to bring them in.

You may also like to go online at www.Aldi.co.uk and explore their 'Get Stuck In' campaign where there are a range of fun activities for pupils to learn about the benefits of exercise and eating a balance of different foods.

SEND Info

Northumberland County Council and In It Together Parent Carer Forum SEND Information Roadshow is to be held in October this year. Their previous roadshow was a great success, with families requesting that they are held on an annual basis.

There will be representation from a wide range of Education, Health, Social Care, Voluntary and Community sector services and groups. It will be an opportunity to contribute to the Northumberland SEND Strategy and find out more information about the Northumberland Local Offer.

The roadshow takes place on **Wednesday 9 October** at Ashington Leisure Centre. You can just drop in anytime between 10am and 3pm and stay as long as you want!

For more information please email: info@in-it-together.org.uk or telephone 07729 192909.

September's Attendance

Target attendance **above 96%**

Current entire school attendance **96.3%**

Class 6AB	93.8%
Class 6LM	95.8%
Class 6RA	97.6%
Class 5AH	97.1%
Class 5LS	96.1%
Class 5BB	98.7%
Class 4DM	96.1%
Class 4MM	97.7%
Class 4HK	94.0%
Class 3KJ	95.8%
Class 3HW	97.4%
Class 3CG	97.3%
Class 2CB	96.9%
Class 2LJ	94.6%
Class 2CM	94.5%
Class 1RS	96.9%
Class 1ZH	98.2%
Class 1AP	95.6%
Class RAS	92.8%
Class RBM	97.9%
Class RCK	96.4%

Polite Request

Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked in all items of school uniform, PE clothing and coats. This will enable us to return items to their owners. We always have a jumble of jumpers/coats on warmer days and missing PE kit from after school clubs and PE lessons.

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