



16th October 2024

Newsletter

Autumn 3

Dear Families,



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Our character values for this half term are **Kindness, Courage and Confidence**, and the children have been busy learning about why these are important, when we might need them, and what it might look and feel like to demonstrate each of them. We teach the children about each value in their class, they see and hear more about them in assemblies, and staff model each value every day.

We celebrate children demonstrating these values using our class recognition boards, and on a Friday, we have a special achievement assembly when children from Reception to Year 4 are awarded certificates, and can be nominated for the 'Best Seats in the House'. The children describe Friday assemblies as "the most fun you can have in 15 minutes" and I have to agree...it is certainly my favourite time of the week

Parent teacher consultations

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have attended parent teacher consultations this week, or have booked appointments for next week, to talk about your child's progress so far this term. If you have not yet arranged an appointment, then please contact your child's teacher and they will organise that with you.



Car park

Please can parents and carers dropping off and collecting children please make sure they do not leave their car engines idling in the school car park. The School Council are running a poster competition in school for children to design a poster to remind parents of the dangers and health risks of car idling, and we will display these posters in the car park as a visual reminder. Thank you.

BBC 500 Words Story Competition

Every year the BBC runs this story writing competition open to all children. It is a super activity to get involved with at home, and the children have heard about it in assembly last week (so may have already told you about it!) If your child would like to enter, then please click on the link below where you can find out more information and enter online.



"Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words, the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, is open for entries now! Submit before the competition closes at 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

PTA Halloween Activities

On Thursday 24th October, children can come to school in non-uniform for a voluntary donation of £1. They can wear an age appropriate Halloween costume if they wish, but please do not send your child to school in a mask, as some pupils really struggle when other children have their faces covered.

For a further £1 donation, children can also do Halloween Crafts (likely to be edible!) in class provided by the PTA. Please see the attached PTA newsletter for details of other Halloween activities happening next week.



Harvest Assembly

Children will be taking part in our Harvest Celebration on Monday 21 October, when Kirstine, from The Mustard Tree Trust, will be leading a celebratory assembly. Any donations of dry and tinned food for the Wansbeck Valley Food Bank will be gratefully received from the **week commencing 14 October**.



Teacher training day reminder

Friday 25th October is a staff training day, so the last day of this half term will be Thursday 24th October.

Dates for your Diary (including advance warning of Christmas performance dates):

PTA KS2 Disco (Years 3 and 4) - Wednesday 23 October 6-7.30pm

Christmas Performances (exact times TBC): -

Early Years - Tues 10th December (morning and afternoon performances)

KS2 (Year 3 and 4) - Wed 11th December (morning and afternoon performances)

KS1 (Year 1 and 2) - Thurs 12th December (morning and afternoon performances)

Thank you for your continued support,

Nadine Fielding
Head teacher