



Dear Parents/Carers,

What fantastic weather we've had this week – it's made break and lunchtimes very enjoyable!

Despite transition arrangements not being quite what we imagined, procedures are well underway. It was lovely to see so many new pupils who are joining us in September online this week. We enjoyed answering all of their questions about life here at BMS and are looking forward to welcoming them face-to-face. Our Y8 pupils had a visit from Mr Smith (Headteacher, Haydon Bridge) and were also given the opportunity to ask questions about next year. Mr Smith left their brand new, Y9 English books because next week they'll be writing their very first pieces in them – we're confident they'll impress!

If you've popped into our school reception recently, you may have noticed that Mrs Piggford is nowhere to be seen! After a review of admin resources across our partnership, Mrs Piggford now works on a daily basis at the primary school. It is lovely knowing she is just next door and still part of our partnership team! From now on, any BMS enquiries should go straight to Mrs Thompson.

Have a lovely weekend!



Lindsay Hamilton

Attendance this week:

94%

There's a few bugs doing the rounds this week which has affected our attendance. Let's hope they disappear next week!

Did you know...?



Attendance	Description	Approx. days lost per year	Approx. weeks lost per year
98 – 100%	Excellent	0 to 4	Less than 1
95 – 98%	Good	5 to 9	1 to 2
93 – 95%	Satisfactory	10 to 13	2 to 3
90 – 93%	Unsatisfactory	14 to 19	4 to 6
>90%	Persistent Absence	More than 19	More than 4

**The government expects your child's attendance to be 95% or better.
Schools are held to account for your child's attendance.
Please remember holidays in term time will be unauthorised.**



Brilliant Basketball!

It was great to welcome Sam from Newcastle Eagles into school today to work with our Y6 pupils as a treat following their hard work last week with their SATs. He was really impressed with their skills and is going to visit us again in the Autumn term.





Beautiful Bites!

We have some really talented bakers in our Y5 class! This week we had the wonderful aroma of cheese and onion bites filling the corridors. Here they are – hard at work.





School News



Before the start of the European Championships, each pupil was given at least one team to follow in the tournament. To celebrate the culmination of the tournament, we are holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 9th July**, asking pupils to come into school wearing the colours of the team that they have been following. Prizes will be given out on the day for those who have made the best effort in representing their adopted country.

IT'S COMING HOME (or is it?)!



We're looking forward to welcoming the Children's Centre into school who will be using some of our available office space for the foreseeable future. This is a valuable service which provides emotional and practical advice to families who are experiencing difficulties. They also deliver 'Incredible Years', 'Hope2Recovery', and 'Parenting Teens' workshops. We're looking forward to working with them! You can find out more about them online: www.westchildrenscentres.org



Please remember we are a nut-free school as we do have some pupils, as well as staff, who have a nut allergy. Please ensure that all snacks, and packed lunches, do not contain nuts of any kind, which includes chocolate/hazelnut spread. Thank you!



For the final half-term of the year, as a special treat, enrichment tasks will be completed in lessons during the last week of term with teachers. This will allow us to end what has been a very challenging year in a collaborative, creative way.



Thank you to everyone who has read our draft Sex and Relationship Policy and completed our online Google form. We're holding an online forum to discuss the contents of the policy on Monday 12th July. If you would like to attend, please contact our school office for further information.



What a great programme of activities for our young people! Plenty to do here!



SUMMER PROGRAMME 2021



<u>Week one</u>	<u>Week Two</u>	<u>Week Three</u>
Tuesday 3rd August Greek Mythology Day at Otterburn RTC Exciting fun-packed day, with Greek themed lunch provided Time-10.30AM-4.00PM £2.00 contribution	Wednesday 11th August Hareshaw Linn Waterfall walk and Tea Walk through nature to see the most stunning waterfall, followed by tea at Bellingham Reed Hall Time-3.00PM-7.30PM £2.00 contribution	Tuesday 17th-Thursday 19th August RTC BIG SLEEPOVER Big camp sleepover for 2 nights Lots of games and activities From-2.00PM £2.00 contribution
Thursday 5th August Trip to South Shields Pleasure Beach Lots of rides and fun ahead Time: 10.00AM-7.00PM £15.00 contribution - Bring along a yummy packed lunch Transport available	Thursday 12th August Swimming at Haltwhistle outdoor pool Lunch and outdoor swim Time-11.30AM-5.30PM £2.00 contribution Transport Available	Friday 20th August Newcastle Spy Treasure Trail and Tea Follow the map around the city to reach the final destination Time-10.00AM-6.30PM £5.00 contribution - Bring along a yummy packed lunch Transport Available
Saturday 7th August Water Vole Release at Kielder Releasing the water voles back into the Wild Time-9.30AM-4.00PM £2.00 contribution-Bring along a yummy packed lunch Transport Available	There are limited spaces for this trip so please sign up ASAP	

Please get in touch via email (Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk) to find out more about the summer programme and get signed up before places go. Please let us know which trips you are signing up for when contacting us. There are limited spaces for our trips so book ASAP to avoid disappointment.

We will send summer registration forms out to those that contact us and will require forms and money to be handed in by our deadline, Friday 16th July.

We will send some additional information out about each trip once you've signed up.

We will be providing transport for the 4 "big trips" of our summer programme. There will be 3 pickup points: Kirkwhelpington, Otterburn and Bellingham. Please include your chosen pickup point when signing up to the trip.

If you require transport for any of the other activities, please let us know and we will try to help.

We can't wait for a fun packed summer with our amazing young people!



Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 7th July 2021

BMS Sports Day

Thursday 15th July 2021

Y8 Prom

Friday 16th July 2021

Final day of summer term



CORONAVIRUS HANDWASHING REMAINS CRITICAL

- ✓ Keep a safe distance from others
- ✓ Limit contact with other people

For more ways to stay safe go to gov.uk/coronavirus



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