



Dear Parents/Carers and Governors,

And just like that the first term of the year is done and dusted. It has been a phenomenally busy year so far, with December proving to be particularly madcap!

It's been a very enjoyable two weeks in school with lots of events to help us mark this festive time and staff have worked incredibly hard to make sure all our pupils enjoy this time. Our school performance last week was incredible, from the variety of acts served up in the first half to the brilliant retelling of 'The Grinch'. The whole evening was a true 'proud Head' moment! Our Christmas Fayre was phenomenally successful and raised a superb £834.57 – thank you to everyone who contributed! As ever, we also had a fantastic time at the Pantomime on Thursday.

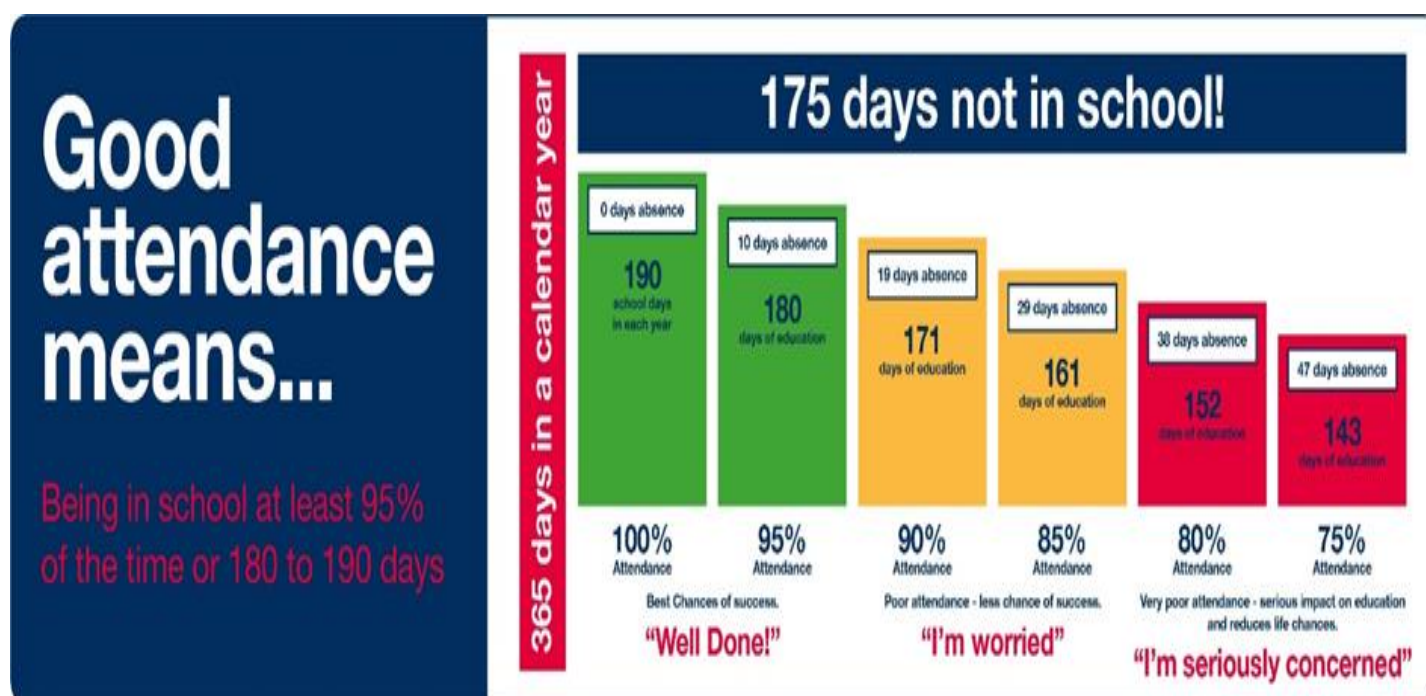
The Carol Service at St Cuthbert's was wonderful with great singing taking place and excellent community support. Our readers were fantastic and read with great clarity.

Staff return to school on Monday 8th January for a training day and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back into school on Tuesday 9th January.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, a good rest, and, enjoy spending time with loved ones!

Dan Ramshaw

Attendance this week: 92%





The greatest show on earth!

Well, we're just about recovering from an absolutely incredible night last week. Our first production since 2019 was arguably the best school performance Bellingham Middle has ever staged! Well done to all pupils for their amazing efforts and talent, and thank you to all the staff and families who supported throughout. To top it all off we raised an amazing £786 in total!





Christmas Fayre

Well, what an afternoon we had on Wednesday for our Christmas Fayre! We were humbled by the truly incredible support we received from families and the Bellingham Community, in donating gifts and spending huge amounts of money. Our pupils and staff worked so hard on their stalls and to see those efforts rewarded was a truly proud experience.





Burning up

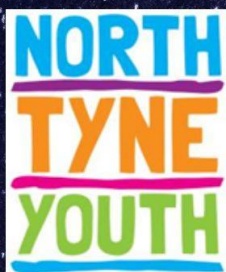
A ground-breaking science lesson for Year 7, with them learning how to use a Bunsen burner safely. They subsequently used them for an investigation into heating to dryness. The pupils were very mature and we're confident with their ability moving forward.



Choc Cycle

Year 8 science was brought to life last week with the pupils creating their own version of the Rock Cycle - the 'Choc Cycle'! Within this practical the pupils created sedimentary rock, before transforming this into metamorphic rock, then finally igneous rock. A delicious way to learn!





Youth Clubs

TUESDAYS @ RTC OTTERBURN

6.00-7.15pm: Juniors (school years 4-6)

7.30-9.00pm: Seniors (school years 7-13)

WEDNESDAYS @ REED HALL BELLINGHAM

6.30-8.30pm every first and third Wednesday of the month: Seniors (school years 9-13)

THURSDAYS @ REED HALL BELLINGHAM

6.15-7.15pm: Juniors (school years 4-5)

7.30-8.30pm: Inters (school years 6-8)

AND OUR FRIENDS AT KIRKWHELPINGTON HOLD AN 8-18S YOUTH CLUB, EVERY WEDNESDAY 6.30-8.30PM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL!

Email Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk or call/text/WhatsApp for more info and to register



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner went down a treat as usual! Thanks to the Boe Rigg for their continual support - it was delicious!



Cross-country queens

A tremendous effort by our Y7 and 8 pupils competing in the x-country at a damp and cold Ovingham two weeks ago. All pupils competed with amazing effort and resilience. A special mention to Sophie and Alice who have qualified for the next round, well done girls!





24th December

Twisty Roads Christmas Eve Santa Route

Once again Santa will take a break from his hectic schedule and make his annual visit to parts of the North Tyne we understand he hopes to be at the following places at approximately:

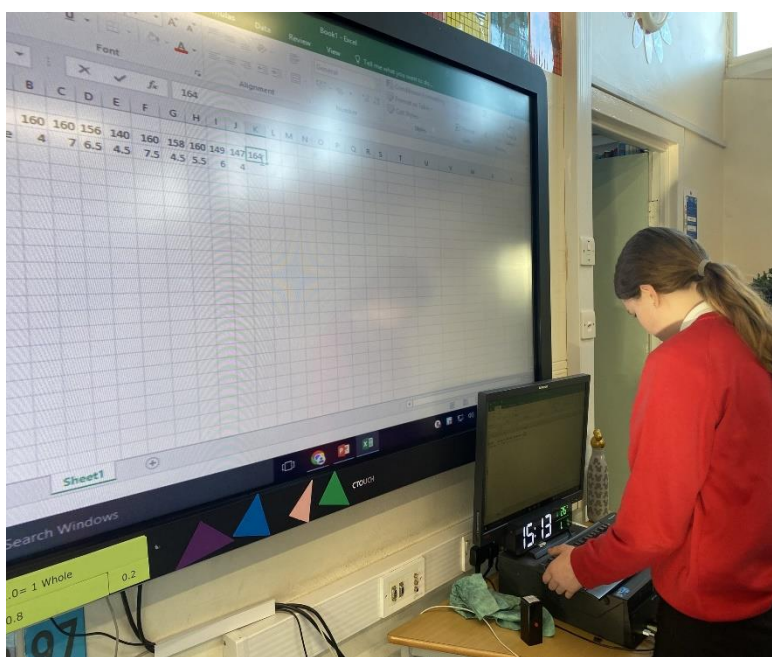
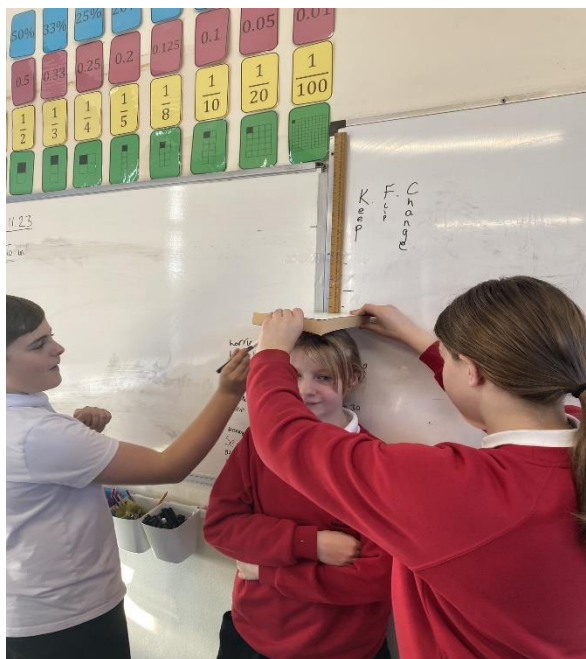
5.00pm	<u>Otterburn</u>
5.30pm	West Woodburn
5.40pm	Ridsdale
6.00pm	Bellingham
7.00pm	<u>Wark</u>

Year 6 had a great time joining some of the primary school children earlier this month for some Christmas maths.



The pupils in year 8 collected data to see if there was any correlation between height and shoe size in their class. First, they measured how tall they each were and noted this with their shoe size, before plotting this into a graph.

They then looked at the scatter graph and decided there was no correlation.





School news



Breakfast Club is available to all pupils to access. It's also absolutely FREE! If you wish for your child to attend Breakfast Club, please can you contact Mrs Thompson directly on 01434 220235.

Dates for your diary*

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Pupils return to school for Spring term

Monday 15th January 2024

NDAS workshops (Y5/6)

Tuesday 16th January 2024

Fragile Earth workshop (Y5/6)

Monday 22nd January 2024

STEM Day

*More dates will be added as term progresses

