



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another great week in school with lots and lots happening! Y6 are prepared and raring to go next week. We continue to be impressed with their resilience and positivity and look forward to welcoming them to breakfast in our dining hall on Monday. As Y6 pupils will be doing lots of sport after their tests, they are welcome to come into school next week wearing trainers and track suit bottoms.

We're looking forward to welcoming John Sadler into school on Tuesday who is delivering some history workshops which complement our curriculum. Y8 will be focusing on racism and segregation in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America. The Y7 workshop will be looking at the Border Reivers, and, Y5 will be working on the Anglo-Saxons.

We've had a good look at pupil journals this week and would ask for your support in ensuring it is signed on a weekly basis. It really is a great tool for home-school communication.

Have a lovely weekend!

Lindsay Hamilton

### Attendance this week:

**91.4%**

Thank you! We really appreciate all your efforts in getting to school on time, ready to start our day promptly.

### 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.**



## North Tyne Youth – Lisa Robinson writes...

When North Tyne Youth started this year's KS3 Lunch Club back in September, the group wanted to write and perform their own play. The project began straight away, with incredible commitment from the young people, and the idea grew. However, it became much bigger than we first expected, and there were some artistic differences. We suggested taking a break for a short while over Christmas to regroup. I thought it could be helpful for the group to reconnect with one another and see the project through fresh eyes, so I invited our friends Harriet and Micky, the team behind north-east based 'Blowin' A Hooley' theatre company, to deliver some theatre game workshops. We have decided to fund three initial workshops, and if there's an interest, we hope to welcome Harriet and Micky back in the very near future!





## Thank you!



The kind, thoughtful actions of our pupils never ceases to amaze us! This week we are incredibly grateful to Chantelle and Erin who have been kind enough to donate some of their fabulous books for our school library! The novels are popular, firm-favourites and we're sure will provide hours of reading for many pupils across school.

Thank you so much, girls, for your kind, caring actions!

## Spread the word...



We are looking for an English Subject Lead for September, for four days each week (0.8). An advert will be place in Jobs North East early next week so please do spread the word!

## Breakfast reminder

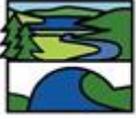
A reminder that breakfast runs each day next week for our Y6 pupils before they conquer their SATs exams! Pupils are welcome to come straight into school as soon as they arrive at school, no matter what time, and make their way down to our dining hall.



## A sad farewell...

Mrs Parkinson, our fabulous SENCO, will be leaving us at the end of the summer term, having been successful in gaining the position of Assistant Headteacher at Haydon Bridge High School from September. She will also be their new SENCO as well as their KS3 Pastoral Lead. Despite being very upsetting for us, we wish her all the very best in her new role and thank her enormously for all of her hard work here at BMS. (The good news is that she'll be ready and waiting to greet our Y8 pupils in September at Haydon Bridge!)





## Dates for your diary

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs – Y6 – Spelling & Grammar papers
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs – Y6 – Reading paper
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	History workshops – J Sadler – Y5, Y7, Y8
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs – Y6 – Maths papers 1 and 2
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs – Y6 – Maths paper 3
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Road safety workshop – KS3
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y7 Poetry Day – The Sill
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Newcastle University STEM workshops – Y6, Y7, Y8
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y8 Poetry Day – The Sill
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 residential visit leaves – 7am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	KS3 visit – The Sill – Competition awards event
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 residential visit returns – 6pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Safety Works Visit, Newcastle, Y5 & Y6
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Newcastle University Science workshop – Y7 & Y8
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Safety Works Visit, Newcastle, Y7 & Y8
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Athletics, Wentworth Centre, Hexham