



Friday 13th February 2015

Dear Parents & Carers,

### **Primary Gymnastics Competition**

A huge well done to our West Tyne Federation gymnasts who took part in the primary gymnastics festival at Allendale Primary school this week. Well done to Elizabeth Cowell, James Findlay, Jenny Wigham, Kane Tweddle, Willow Richardson and Katie Turnbull who won first prize completing two fantastic routines. The winning team will now progress to the next round and perform their routines against other Tynedale schools. Willow and Katie were also awarded individual medals for outstanding performances by girls – well done! Thank you to the PE Coordinators and staff in each school for teaching and supporting the children with this event. We are looking forward to the whole school dance festival which will be held later in March.

### **Celebration Assembly**

Our next celebration assembly will be held at 9.15 am on Wednesday 25th February in St Cuthbert's Church. We hope you can join us.

### **World Book Day**

The children will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. To help us celebrate we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

### **Comic Relief**

Red Nose Day is on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March. Children are asked to "Make Your Face Funny for Money" and donate £1. Red noses will be available to buy from school nearer the time.

### **Mrs Hancock, Miss Rafferty & Miss Mitchinson's Menu w/c 23.2.15**

(Please note this menu may be subject to change)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Chicken Risotto	Pasta Bolognaise Vegetables & Bread	Chicken Tikka, Rice & Salad	Steak Pie, Potato & Vegetables	Pizza & Salad
Oaty Biscuit	Jelly & Fruit	Carrot Cake	Cheesecake	Chocolate Brownie

### **Absence**

A reminder that if your child is absent from school please ensure that you contact school before 9.30 am on the first day of absence.

Our partnership Education Welfare Officer regularly monitors attendance in our school and does contact families where there is an unusually high percentage of absence.

We strive to encourage high attendance for all children within our schools – 100% attendance is celebrated.

### **Sickness**

Please could we remind you that if your child has been suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last symptoms. This will minimise the chances of passing the bug to others.

### Free Childcare for 2 year olds

Is your child 2 or turning 2 before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015?

Find out if you could be entitled to 15 hours of free childcare from April

2015: [www.northumberland.gov.uk/freechildcare](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/freechildcare) or 01670 623592

And finally, school closes for half term on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and reopens on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you in school soon.

Best wishes,



Judith Reay  
Headteacher

The PTA would like to resurrect the 100 club which in previous years has raised good amounts of money for the school and given out prizes of e.g. £20, £10 & £5 each draw.

In order to start the process we need to know roughly how many numbers people would like to purchase in order to determine the level of interest & settle on prize money amounts.

For those of you who haven't done it before, each number costs £10 to cover 12 draws, one a month (= less than £1 per draw!) and in the past by selling at least 100 numbers we have been able to offer the following prizes each month:

1st : £20

2nd : £10

3rd : £5

The club is open to all children and family members/friends and the more numbers we sell, the more money we raise!

Please could you indicate on the slip below, how many numbers at £10 each you would like to purchase and return to school by 27th February.

Many thanks to you all for your support!

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### 100 Club

I would/would not be interested in joining the 100 Club.

I would like to buy ..... numbers

Name .....

Please return slip to school by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February

## Weekly Info Chart

### Reception

WEEK BEGINNING:	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
Curriculum area	Information
Personal, Social and Emotional development	Circle time - Passing the shell to encourage turn taking and listening to each other.
Communication and Language	Phonics
Literacy	RWI Independent reading Share a book
Physical development	Activate Moving confidently in a range of ways.
Mathematics	Quick number writing.
Understanding of the World	Added straw to pet homes.
Expressive Arts and Design	Valentine's Day cards
Other information	Astrology talk

### Class 1

WEEK BEGINNING	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
Curriculum area	Information
Literacy	RWI Journals Independently and guided reading Handwriting Big Writing
Numeracy	Money - giving change and word problems Adding three digit numbers. Mental maths
Science	Properties of materials.
Topic (History/Geography/Art/DT)	Valentine's day cards Clown face painting
PE	Ball skills Gymnastics Activate
PSHE	Circle time - traffic light chart and listening.
Other information	Astrology talk Big voice magazine talking about Picasso and the Circus. Passports

Key Stage 2

WEEK BEGINNING:	9th February 2015
Curriculum area	Information
Literacy	RWI
Numeracy	Y3-Addition and subtraction Y4/5-Co-ordinates, time and line graphs.
Science	Earth and Space
Topic (History/Geography/Art/DT)	Geography-water cycle Art-Valentine card History-Bread mummies
PE	Activate. Gymnastics.