



NEWSLETTER

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BOTHAL PRIMARY

Wednesday 3 October 2018

Dates for your diary

School Photos
Lower Site

9 & 10 October

School Photos
Upper Site

11 October

**Spooktacular
Fireworks & Autumn
Fair**

5.30 – 7.45pm

25 October

**Half Term Holidays
26 Oct - 5 Nov**

**Year 6 secondary school
applications deadline**

31 October

Nasal Flu Spray

Reception – Year 5

12 November

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LEARNING
PARTNERSHIP

Friends of Bothal & Friends of Central

Our Friends groups work tirelessly throughout the year to afford exciting opportunities/resources for our pupils across the trust. Both Friends groups met earlier this term to plan events for the coming year. An overview of events can be found below. If you would like to join a Friends group, please contact Veronica (Bothal 01670 812360) Joan (Central 01670 810570) who would be delighted to welcome new recruits.

Bothal	Trust	Central
Halloween Disco	Fireworks hosted at Bothal	Halloween Disco
Winter Wonderland (Central parents are more than welcome to attend)	Family Theatre Trip	Santa Visit
Christmas Party Lower/ Disco Upper	Community Event hosted at Central	Christmas Party Lower/ Disco Upper
Spring Disco (Valentines)		Spring Disco (Valentines)
Easter Disco		Easter Disco
Leavers Event		Leavers Event
Summer Fair		Summer Fair
Quiz Nights at Ash Dene (Central parents are more than welcome to attend)		Pie and Pea evenings each month (Bothal parents are more than welcome to attend)



Primary Engineer Regional Final

Pupils from Bothal attended the Primary Engineer North East Regional Finals at the end of July. KS1 children worked exceptionally hard to research, design and build shoe box cars with a safety feature, that could safely carry a toy down a ramp. Year 5 used all of their engineering skills to build wooden, mechanised vehicles with electric motors to compete in ramp, speed and straight line tests. Children that entered the highest Engineer Level 2 also used CAD/CAM (Computer Aided Design and

Computer Aided Manufacturing) to design and 3D print custom wheels for their cars.

We are delighted to announce that our children were extremely successful at the regional finals. KS1 teams were awarded the prizes for Winner and Runner Up in Apprentice Level 2. A fantastic feat considering the high standard that we were competing against. We are very proud of them all.



Little Learners

Welcome back to all of our friends and families at Little Learners. We've settled really well and are enjoying all of the new experiences and opportunities on offer. We have set a '30 Things To Do Before You're 3' challenge, which includes lots of free and accessible activities such as jumping in puddles, sharing stories and using chalk to mark make. We look forward to seeing lots of photographs.

Upcoming Sessions

Autumn Stay & Play - **Monday 22 October**

Morning session: **10.45am - 11.30am**
 Afternoon session: **2.15pm - 3pm**



NASA Video Chat

Several KS2 children participated in a live Skype interview with current NASA astronaut Sunita Williams. Sunita is a veteran of two space missions.

The children were given a once in a lifetime opportunity to watch a live presentation from Sunita and then take part in an interview session.

Lara in Year 6 asked for any tips for girls who want a career in the STEM sector. Sunita advised Lara to take inspiration wherever she finds it and to believe that she can achieve her goals!

Safeguarding

Breakfast Club opens at 7.45am, please do not send your child to school before this time.

Lower Site: school starts at 8.50am.
 Upper Site: school starts at 8.35am.

Please note that there are no staff on the yard until 5 minutes before the bell goes.

Upper Site Reminder: Parents/carers are asked NOT to bring vehicles into the car park or school grounds between **7.40am & 9am** and **3.15pm & 4.45pm** on any school day.

Visit from Bishop



The Bishop of Southampton, Johnathan Frost, visited school on Friday 7 September. The Bishop was accompanied by Father Chris of the Holy Sepulchre Church in Ashington. With the Bishop

were several of his colleagues who work with him on various projects across the country.

During assemblies on both sites the Bishop explained what his job involved and why he wore certain regalia. The group toured both sites and spent time talking to pupils in lessons.

Dragons' Den

Year 6 teams pitched their business ideas in the Dragons' Den as part of their 'World of Work' day in July. The panel of Dragons was made up of a number of local employers and business owners who listened to the young entrepreneurs explain their money making inventions and business plans.



Career speed dating event

In July, as part of our 'World of Work' day, Year 6 pupils took part in 'Career Speed Dating' sessions. They investigated how our 'Skills for Life' such as resilience, communication and problem solving are important skills in the world of work. The children interviewed a range of employers and business ambassadors such as engineers, HMRC, life coaches, university ambassadors, NCC, administration officers and international case workers.

September's Attendance

Target attendance **above 96%**
 Current entire school attendance **96.6%**

Class 6S	95%
Class 6P	95%
Class 6H	98%
Class 5M	97%
Class 5B	93%
Class 5A	96%
Class 4M	97%
Class 4K	95%
Class 4B	94%
Class 3W	98%
Class 3J	96%
Class 3G	92%
Class 2W	97%
Class 2P	98%
Class 2M	98%
Class 1K	94%
Class 1H	98%
Class 1B	97%
Class RM	98%
Class RCK	98%
Class RB	98%

Polite request

As there are children in school with nut allergies, we ask that you do not send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child.

We appreciate your support in helping prevent a child having a severe allergic reaction.



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