

As we come to the end of another busy term, there's a lot to celebrate as you will see in this newsletter. I hope that you enjoy seeing all of the pictures. Next half term promises to be just as busy with more sporting activities, residentials and in school events.

Everyone at Allendale Primary School wishes you a very pleasant Easter Holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in school and raring to go on Monday 20th April.

Attendance

Good attendance is really important for ensuring that pupils meet their full potential. This is why we aim for 96% attendance or higher over the year.

Children who attend school regularly learn important habits for later life as well as giving themselves the best opportunity to engage with their friends, teachers and all the opportunities that school has to offer.

Whole school attendance is currently **95.3%**

Year	Attendance
Reception	94.1%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	97.7%

Easter Egg Competition

We never fail to be amazed by the entries for our decorated egg competition at Easter time. Such a lot of effort goes in and it is clear to see that a lot of fun has been had in the creating process. Well done to our year group winners.

Huge thanks to the **Allendale Co-op** for donating Easter eggs as prizes again this year.



Hancock Museum

Year 1-6 enjoyed their educational visit to the Hancock Museum last week. Everyone came back very enthusiastic about all of the things that they saw and did. The only complaint was wishing that there had been more time to see everything! It's a great place to visit in the school holidays for any keen historians who'd like to find out more. Many thanks to Mr Kiln for organising.



Netball & Athletics @ HBHS

All of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils headed off to Haydon Bridge High School twice this half term for a fun filled morning of netball skills and activities. 120 children from local schools attended and were superbly looked after by the HBHS Sports Leaders who ran the event.



Coffee and Chat

Coffee & Chat will continue after the holidays every 2 weeks starting on Monday 27th April. All are welcome to come and meet informally with Mr Vincent and Mrs Cleet. Come along to ask questions you have about life at school or to make suggestions



Dance Festival

The Dance Festival was once again a delight. How wonderful it was to see all of the children, including Wrens, performing so confidently in front of an audience. The children have worked so hard on all of their moves during their PE lessons this half term. Many thanks to all of them and to the adults that have helped them so much.



Online Safety

Many parents don't know that there are features within both the main YouTube app and the YouTube Kids app that support parents in managing the content that their children see.



If you'd like to find out more, follow the link here to [YouTube Settings for Parents](#).

Homework Club

Homework Club continues next half term.

Mr Vincent will be running the Homework Club on **Wednesday mornings from 8:30am in the ICT room** at school. Adult help will be on hand to support children with their homework tasks and the computers will be available for those who need to complete tasks online.

Children may also come along to practise their spellings on Spelling Shed, times tables or to practise their touch typing on Typing Club. There's no need to book, just come to the usual playground entrance and ring the bell. Children at Allstars can complete homework with adult support just as they always have.

Motivational Mondays

Motivational Mondays will also continue after the holidays and we hope to be outside as much as possible for our 'Wake Up' activities.



Great Big School Clean

School Council went out and about around school to collect litter and tidy up during the Great Big School Clean week. We found all sorts of unusual things and quite a few hats and socks!



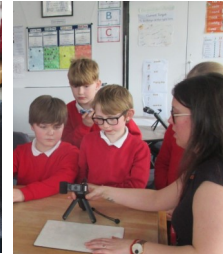
Hexham Book Festival

KS1 had a great trip to The Queen's Hall to attend a workshop held by children's author Chloe Savage. The children enjoyed listening to her story of how she came to be an author and illustrator and they loved drawing along and creating their own aliens!



Northumberland Archives

Year 4, 5 and 6 children have been taking part in a project called Northumberland Archives, where they are looking at lots of aspects of history around World War 2. They have completed lots of workshops covering air raid shelters, make do and mend as well as making animations and clay models too.



Parent Survey

Many thanks to everyone who completed our parent survey—we received 42 responses which is good.

Congratulations to Sam Clarke who won the £50 prize draw!

We will look at all of your comments and provide some feedback in the next newsletter.

Tesco Blue Tokens

From Tuesday 28th April, Allendale Primary School will feature in the blue token scheme at Tesco. We have asked for some money to support the development of the wilderness area outside of Lapwing class. We would like to continue our garden area to make some more raised beds that the children can use for planting.

Please support if you visit the store by popping a token in for APS.



Dates For Your Diary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon 20th April • Mon 20th April • Mon 20th April • Wed 22nd April • Tues 28th April • Thur 30th April • Thur 7th May • Mon 11th May • Tues 12th May • Thur 21st May • Fri 22nd May • Mon 25th May • Mon 1st June • 3rd—5th June • 15th—17th June | <p>Term Starts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastwater Meeting 2:45pm. • School swimming starts. • Cricket Coaching starts (Y1-3) • Blue Tokens in Tesco! • Quad Kids Athletics Y4 • School Photos • SATs week Y6 • Bikeability Y3 & Y4 • Football Match Y5 / Y6 • Quad Kids Y6 <p>Half Term Holiday</p> <p>Term Starts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastwater Residential • Ford Castle Residential |
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More dates to follow in the next newsletter.

