

## Happy Friday!

Hello everyone - we have all enjoyed another very busy week in school. This week, I have kept my office door open to listen to the children practising their Harvest songs (my personal favourite has to be **'Cauliflowers Fluffy'** which immediately takes me back to my own childhood!) I thoroughly enjoyed our award assembly earlier today. Handing out awards for hard work and positive behaviour is one of the best parts of my job and I was delighted to celebrate all of the many achievements which take place every day in school. Last week, we were joined in school by an external maths advisor who was in awe with the incredible work going on in maths in every classroom so all children and staff need a big pat on the back for their hard work! Another thing I enjoy doing in school is reading stories. Mrs Carrick has just given me a teacher login for the **Collins Big Cat** online library. We use this in **Early Years, Year One** and **Year Two** for our Guided Reading sessions. Last night I read one of the **e-Books**, Incy Wincy Spider, with my little boy and we both enjoyed it enormously. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and look forward to meeting many more of you over the next couple of weeks. Mr Routledge



## Parents Evening

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you back into school over the next two weeks for parents evening. As a reminder, these will take place on **Wednesday 12th October** and **Thursday 20th October**. Please arrive at school via the main entrance at least five minutes before your first scheduled appointment to ensure we can keep on top of time as both sessions will be busy. These meetings are to discuss how your child has settled into their new classes and routines and we must strictly stick to the allotted ten minute sessions.

## Out of School Club

Out of School Club have announced that they will be running a new Craft Club every Wednesday starting next week. Children will have the opportunity to learn new arts and crafts skills and techniques, show off their artistic flair and create something new to take home. This Wednesday, children will have a go at making their own clay pumpkin pinch pot candle holders as inspired by The Imagination Tree. Sessions can be booked online at - [www.tyaipal.org.uk](http://www.tyaipal.org.uk)



## Beach

This week, Reception children have made their first beach visit of the year. As I write, a group of 10 children have just set off to Blyth with their waterproofs, warm hats and (very trendy!) wellies. The children have been looking at beach safety as well as developing their sand castle building skills. I was delighted to receive a beautiful shell that one of the children found. Next week, Year 2 and Year 5 will be visiting the beach so please ensure that your child is well prepared for the weather.

## World Multiplication Day

Today marks World Multiplication Day. Children across Key Stage Two spent time looking at their multiplication facts on **Times Table Rockstars**. Children in Year 4 have been using Rockstars for a few weeks and children in

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Years 3, 5 and 6 will have access going forwards. The aim of the app (which can be accessed on any smart device) is to engage children with their tables and ultimately develop instant recall of multiplication and division facts. Further information for you will follow during Parents Evenings next week and the week after.

## Reading

At the start of this new school year, we would like to remind all parents that children in **Year One**, **Year Two** and **Year Three** have access to Collins Big Cat books in their online library. This library consists of books that children should be able to read using their phonics skills which we develop in school. The more your child reads, the more fluent they will become. Children in **Reception** will gain access to their library before Christmas so keep an eye out for login details after half term. Mrs Carrick and I will be monitoring engagement with reading throughout the year and those children who read regularly will receive certificates and prizes. This weekend, it would be extremely helpful if you logged into your child's account to access their library. If you have any administrative problems, please contact Mrs Carrick by emailing - [phonics@beaconhill.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:phonics@beaconhill.northumberland.sch.uk)  
Happy reading!

## Attendance and Lateness

Well done to Year 2 for winning the attendance cup for the week commencing 26th September. Miss Wilkinson's class recorded an impressive 97% attendance overall. Attendance across school has started to decrease over the last couple of weeks. I appreciate that COVID and some seasonal sickness bugs have been going around but it is vitally important that our attendance picks up. We aim for attendance across the year to be at least 95%. If attendance consistently falls below this, referrals can ultimately be made to the Education Welfare Officer. We have also noted that more children are coming into school after 09:00am. If your child is late, **you must drop them into school to sign them in**. Key learning takes place at the start of the day and children need to be in on time, ready to learn. Thank you.

