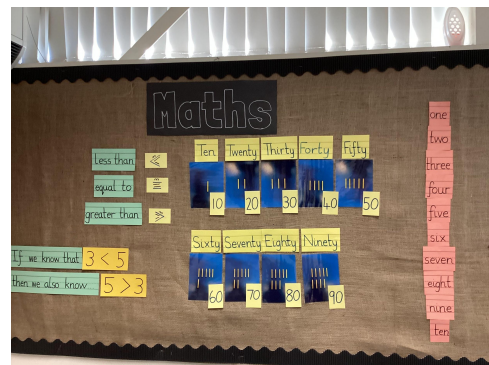


## Happy Friday!

Hello everyone. I hope you've all managed to **safely negotiate the snow** over the last couple of days. My son was delighted that there was a fresh blanket of snow on Thursday morning after the snow from the previous day had melted (*'Oh no, daddy. The snow has disappeared!'*). This week I conducted a **Maths Learning Walk** alongside **Miss Wilkinson** (our Maths leader) and **Philip Watters** (link governor for Maths). We were all incredibly impressed with the learning which was taking place in every class. The children were **confident, engaged** and **articulate** and almost everyone we spoke to cited **Maths** as one of their **favourite subjects**. As a school, staff have worked hard over the last few years to embed a **Teaching for Mastery** approach in Maths. This has involved creating a **language rich environment**, developing **deep conceptual understanding** of key concepts and instilling a belief that **all children can achieve**. All of these elements were abundantly clear across school and this is testament to the hard work of all of the staff. Next week I will be doing an **English Learning Walk** and if it is anything like the Maths one, I'll be absolutely delighted! Before then, enjoy the weekend - especially if we get some more snow! Many thanks, Mr Routledge



## Whatsapp

Another polite reminder that **Whatsapp** comes with a recommended **minimum user age of 16**. Obviously the content of **Whatsapp** groups which take place outside of school are not for us to monitor. However, we do owe a duty of care to all children and we have been aware of inappropriate language and content being shared and would advise you to be mindful of your child's online activity. A **Whatsapp advice guide for parents** can be found in the news section of the website and is worth familiarising yourself with if your child uses Whatsapp.



## Pink, Blue and Yellow Slips

A reminder that if your child brings home a **pink slip** (for poor behaviour choices), a **blue slip** (for not returning homework/reading books) or a **yellow slip** (for not wearing the correct beach attire) that we would like you to sign the slip and return it to school. This is important so that children know that school and home are working together to encourage high standards of **learning** and **behaviour**. We really appreciate your support.

## Girls Football Taster Sessions

On **Wednesday** we welcomed coaches into school to deliver football sessions to girls from **Years 1 to 6**. It was apt that on **International Women's Day**, we were able to encourage girls who may not have had the chance to try out football. With the success of the **Lionesses** last summer and the growth of **Newcastle United Women's team**, this is a really good time to be a young female footballer and our girls were fantastic.

## SATs Booster Groups

I am very grateful for **Miss Dobson** and some of the children in **Year 6** who have stayed behind after school to

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work on a few key areas of the curriculum in preparation for their **SATs** in **May**. The KS2 assessments are an important part of how schools are judged but we work hard to ensure that children do not feel additional pressure. I have always encouraged children across school, from Reception through to Year 6 to always **try their best** and I will never ask for more than that. I was so impressed to see a group of children so determined to do their best that they stayed behind for some extra support. Well done!

## Attendance

Very well done to **Year 3** who recorded the **highest** overall **attendance** for the week commencing **Monday 27th February**. That week, attendance was **97.74%** which is above our **overall target of 96%**. Special mention to **Year 2** who achieved **97.01%** for that week. There is a very posh looking Easter egg (with an **extra thick shell!**) which will be raffled at the end of this half-term for one lucky pupil who has recorded 100% attendance. Other Easter themed prizes will also be dished out to celebrate good attendance.

## Red Nose Day

On **Friday 17th March** we would like to invite children to come to school in **red clothes** or non-uniform to celebrate **Red Nose Day**. A **£1 voluntary contribution** to Red Nose Day has been added to School Money and would be greatly received if you feel that you can spare it.



## Spring Discos

We are pleased that we will be able to stage a **Spring Disco** for the first time since 2019. The discos will start at **3:15pm** and run until **4:15pm**. Children should **bring their disco clothes to school in a bag** on the morning of their disco **to change into** at the end of the school day.

**Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two** - Monday 27th March

**Year Three, Year Four, Year Five and Year Six** - Wednesday 29th March

After the disco, **all children** must be collected from their usual doors by a **known adult**. Please note, children will not be allowed to walk home alone. **Tickets** are available to buy on our **online** payment system. £2.50 entry includes crisps, sweets and a drink. Profit from the disco will go towards school funds and, as always, we appreciate your support.

Our **morning Nursery** children who would like to attend the disco should return to school via their classroom doors at 3:15. All Nursery children should then be collected from there at 4:15. All other classes should also be **collected** from their **usual doors** at 4:15.

## Beach

This week I was delighted to see some of our **youngest children** heading off to the beach. It was fantastic to see our little ones wrapped up warm and heading off with **Mrs Wharton** and some of our **Nursery staff** to do their learning at the beach. Despite being well into the **Spring Term**, we have had some pretty cold weather this week. The postponed **Nursery trip** on **Thursday** will now go ahead on **Monday 20th March**. As always, please ensure that your child attends school well prepared for their beach visits.