

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our term is going well, we are managing to get out and about on the school mini-bus visiting lots of different locations. It is lovely to hear about the children's visits on their return and it enhances their learning greatly. We ensure that the curriculum is covered when out on trips, including the use of money in shops, reading environmental print and learning about local history and geography, some of the children's best learning happen on these trips and we are lucky to be able to use the mini-bus to its full potential. I would like to thank Mrs Kelly's husband David for his amazing spring clean of the bus, it was polished and cleaned to look like new!

We continue to receive support from Liz-Anne Davidson, Occupational Therapist, Sue Brewis, Equine Therapist and George Murray, Clinical Psychologist. These professionals are paid for through the careful management of the school budget, they are additional to the core offer that many schools give. It is invaluable to have their help and advice when planning for the children and their needs and we are hoping that we will be able to continue this next year.

We are looking forward to a busy time ahead with different events coming up which will be listed in this newsletter, please note that these dates can be found on the school website which also has lots of other information on it. The End of Year assembly is for all children and their families and not just leavers, so I hope that you may be able to join us at this event.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries



Maple/ Willow News

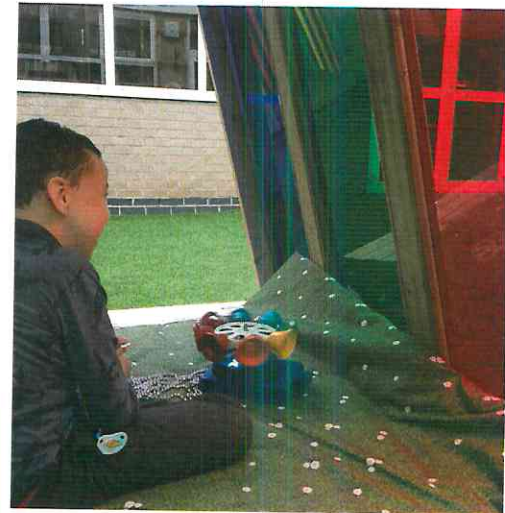


We have been getting a new rainbow playhouse for the garden. It is great fun, we can sit in here and look at the beautiful colours and it is so much fun when it rains watching the drips run down the window panes.



We have celebrated two Birthdays.

We love when we all get together to count the candles on our cakes.



Our new topic has started and we are learning about different places. The children are all going to visit Alnwick Gardens to look at all the beautiful flowers.



We have been very lucky and now have three new walking frames in our class, we are having so much fun exploring around school.



Elm Class have been playing and exploring with some of our new resources in their outdoor learning sessions. They have been: creating and thinking of ways to do things; maintaining focus on an activity; playing with their peers; willing to have a go; testing ideas; enjoying and achieving; communicating with each other.





Beech Class Newsletter

This term Beech class are recycling an old pallet to create a herb garden.

We've planted rosemary, parsley and mint as well as coriander and basil seeds. We're looking forward to using them in our cooking soon.



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Sycamore Newsletter, May 2019

We love our food in Sycamore Class! When we cook, taste and share food we are learning in many different ways. Here are some photographs of the Sycamore chefs in action -



Getting organised - aprons on, getting ready to join in.



Reading the ingredient list and checking the labels. Finding the herbs we need.



Maths Skills - weighing the ingredients and counting the cup cake cases.



Developing our motor skills by learning how to open tins, as well as peeling, chopping and slicing.



Using technology such as the food mixer, toaster and the microwave.



Maths - Setting the timer so our birthday biscuits turned out just right!



Communicating and celebrating - we are especially skilled in asking for our favourite snacks! We had fun blowing out candles on a fruity birthday platter then sharing fruit and biscuits with our friends.

Oak Class- May 2019

This term our theme as a school is to compare our own local area with another part of the world. Oak Class are comparing Northumberland with Hong Kong and China, looking at language, food, geography and all aspects of life. We visited Holy Island to help us compare coastlines and also look at some important religious sites. This helped the class recognise some of the physical and cultural differences found here and in China.



We have been continuing to work hard on our skills for life and have learned to cook a range of interesting foods. Our students have enjoyed making new



things and all seem to enjoy the tasting once we have finished! We are developing a range of practical skills which will help towards independence.

Some of our class have been working towards

independent travel by practicing using public transport. Everyone gained in confidence taking the bus to go shopping



Oak Class have a number of exciting things planned for the summer term including a visit to St James' Park, canoeing at Druridge Bay and our Sixth Form residential visit to Edinburgh.