

# NEWSLETTER



## Message From the Headteacher

It's been another busy year with lots to look back on that we can really be proud of. A year on from our fantastic Ofsted report, we continue to work hard to give our children the best opportunities that we can. We are saying goodbye to our Year 6's - who will be missed - and 5 of our staff including the retiring Mrs Wise. We are looking forward to seeing Mrs Lynch step into her new role as deputy headteacher. Whatever you have planned this summer, we hope it's a good one. We will see you in September - Tuesday NOT Monday! (Unless you're in Nursery in which case it will be Wednesday.)

## Winning Castle

The winning castle this half term is ...

### **Alnwick**

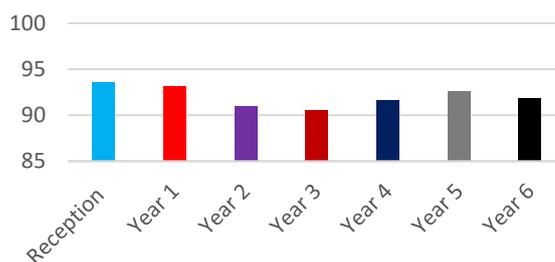
All of our children are allocated to a castle (siblings are in the same one). The four castles are Alnwick, Bamburgh, Chillingham and Dunstanburgh – last half term it was **DUNSTANBURGH** who collected the most castle points! They were given an afternoon of free choice and were able to choose from a range of activities including PE in the hall, a movie in the staffroom, baking, board games and lots of arts and crafts!!

## Attendance

The class with the best attendance this half term is ...

### **Reception**

Winners of Summer Term 2



## Diary Update and Events

- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Last day of term; start of the summer holidays.
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – Teacher Training Day: School Closed
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** – School reopens for the Autumn Term

**Next Key Dates Update:  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

## Goodbye and Good Luck

Best of luck to all our school leavers in Year 6 but also to one or two children around school who will be starting at new schools in September.

Best of luck also to our departing staff – Mrs Wise (Deputy headteacher), Mrs Farrier (Y5), Mrs Willis (Y1), Miss Day (Office) and Miss Hughes (Nursery).

We will be welcoming Miss Tuck into Year 4 as the new class teacher in September whilst there'll be a new face in Year 5 too – Mrs Turner and Miss Robson will be joined by Mrs Cox who will be the new Year 5 Teaching Assistant.

We already can't wait to get started again!

## School of Sanctuary Award Celebration

By Mrs Atkinson

Achieving the *School of Sanctuary Award* was an incredible journey that highlighted the sense of belonging, compassion, and inclusivity within our school and wider community. Throughout this year, we have worked in partnership with a local Wallsend charity, *Walking With*. The charity supports refugees and asylum seekers from around the world. Children, teachers and staff came together to embrace diversity and unity within the school and the local community. It is a testament to us all that we celebrate the power of unity and understanding and that we make the school a haven for all.

Richardson Dees were praised for the welcoming and friendly inclusivity which was clear from the moment the assessors arrived and throughout their visit around school.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July we attended the school of sanctuary awards with five children to celebrate and accept our Plaque which can be seen in the main entrance. The children were amazing ambassadors and explained the award to all of the adults present including two local MPs. The icing on the cake was our appearance on ITV local news where we could all explain the award to a wider audience. We look forward to sharing our success with other schools in the future.

## Curriculum Spotlight

### **Singing Festival at the Sage**

At the end of last month 15 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in what was a fantastic event and experience at the Sage in Gateshead. Performing on stage to a packed hall of over 1000 people, our pupils did themselves proud, taking full part in over two hours of singing, behaving impeccably and generally being an absolute credit to our school and their families. We will definitely be taking part in more events like this next year.

### How to keep up to date or get in touch

All the information you need can be found on our website:  
[www.richardson-dees.eschools.co.uk](http://www.richardson-dees.eschools.co.uk)

You can find out what's been happening in your child's class by following us on **Twitter** or by using the **Seesaw** app.

If you have any queries, or if there is anything we can help with, you can contact the main office on **0191 263 8139** or at **office@rdees.org.uk**