

## Allendale Primary School Weekly Update

Thank you to all the Parents who came last Friday after school to sample some of the activities on offer at playtimes. We have many areas yet to develop, including the mud kitchen and small world play. If you do have any old pots, pans or utensils which may be useful for the children to play with in the mud kitchen we would be very appreciative of any donations; likewise if you have any dinosaurs, animals, dolls or action figures which are no longer required, these would be ideal for various small world play areas.

Just a reminder that all children need to have a pair of wellies in school for any wet playtimes.

Last Thursday, Curlew and Kestrel Classes had a lovely morning at Hexham Abbey to take part in the festival and listen to a live orchestra performing.

On Friday of this week at 2.30pm, we are hosting a Macmillan cancer coffee afternoon. If you cannot make the coffee afternoon but would still like to support the work that Macmillan do, the children are welcome to bring in any donations. Any offers of cakes would also be greatly appreciated.

The Allen Valleys Folk festival is this weekend with many events and performances taking place in various locations in the village. School is hosting a family ceilidh on Saturday afternoon at 3pm with an interval performance from the Young Notes singing group.

Mrs Huddleston has a dental product recycling box in school. This recycling programme will be accepting any brand of toothbrush, toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrush outer packaging, electric and battery toothbrush heads and toothpaste cartons.

Finally, we have a lot of enrichment activities which staff put a lot of their time into planning and we seem to be winning an award a week since returning to school! Having received the Gold awards for Sport and active travel, last week we received an email to say that the Northumberland Music Service had recommended that Allendale Primary be put forward for the Music Mark for our commitment to music education, which we were duly awarded. None of us are music experts but we do recognise the importance of good quality arts experiences for all the children.

Mrs A Hawkins Headteacher