



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

Next week is a really busy one in school with lots of opportunities for parents to come into school to look at the fantastic work children have completed in the first term of our new curriculum, along with briefing sessions for parents on e-safety and the teaching of calculations in Maths throughout school. Please see overleaf for more information.

Children will also continue their rehearsals for the Christmas production next week that will take place on Wednesday 10 December. Thank you to all those parents / carers who have returned their forms to request tickets. If you have not yet returned the form; please do so as soon as possible as towards the end of next week we will be allocating extra tickets to those families who have requested them. Should you not have a return form, please pop into the school office to collect one. When you receive your tickets for the performances, please keep them safe and bring them with you, as without a ticket you will not be able to enter the hall. This is to ensure the hall does not exceed fire regulation capacity.

Also on the theme of the Christmas performance, you will notice that the evening performance is scheduled to start at 6pm. Obviously, we would love all children to be able to come back to school for this event, but if you already have other plans arranged on that evening, please let us know that your child will not be available to take part. If we do not hear from parents we will assume children can attend and take part in this evening performance. We request that children come back to school to the main entrance for **5.30pm on 10 December**, giving staff time to organise costumes and props for children.

The Friends of the School Christmas Fair will take place next **Friday 5 December from 2pm**. Parents who are attending are welcome to collect their children from class, but please let your child know which adults will be attending the fair and what time they are due to arrive. If you are unable to attend, you may wish to provide your child with some pocket money; so they can take part in the stalls and school staff will escort children around from 2pm onwards. Children who do not have parents present will be dismissed from school at 3.05pm, the usual school finishing time. We look forward to seeing as many parents and community members at the fair as possible.

After the Christmas Fair next Friday the Howden le Wear Community Partnership Association are holding a village 'Christmas Tree Light Switch On' at 4.30pm. The Christmas Tree is located near to the mini roundabout in the village and we are encouraging as many children and parents as possible to attend. As well as the light switch on there will be an opportunity for Christmas Carols to be sung around the tree led by members of the Community Partnership.

We look forward to an excellent week in school!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Baines,  
Headteacher

For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

**<http://www.howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk>**

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!



### Curriculum Celebration Event

Our new curriculum launched in September has been a huge success and to celebrate the fabulous work children have completed across the term, we would like to invite parents into school next **Thursday 4 December from 2pm** for a curriculum celebration event. Tea and coffee will be served from 2pm with a short assembly taking place from 2.15pm where teachers and children will talk about the work that has been done. Following this parents will have the chance to have a look at a selection of children's work from each class and talk to some children about what they have been learning. This is a great opportunity to see our curriculum in action and we look forward to welcoming parents into school next Thursday!



### Progression in Calculations Workshop

With the new Maths curriculum well underway in school, we would like to invite parents into school on Thursday 4 December from 3.15pm, (straight after the curriculum celebration event mentioned above) to receive further guidance on how they can support their children with completing calculations in Maths, particularly linked to children's homework. It is really important that parents have a good understanding of the way in which we teach calculations in school; that is addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; so that they can mirror these methods when completing homework or reinforcing mathematical concept at home with their children. The session will be led by Ms Simons our maths co-ordinator, who will also be on hand afterwards to answer any questions you may have.

**If you would like to attend, please contact Mrs Campbell in the school office to reserve a place. Thank you.**

### E-Safety Briefing

Just a reminder that the E-Safety briefing for parents mentioned in last week's newsletter is organised for Monday afternoon next week at 2pm in school.

Please come to the main entrance for 2pm and we will be finished by 3pm, giving parents time to collect their children at the end of the school day.

**Thank you.**

### Children's Achievements In School

Every Friday teachers choose a child from their class to be recognised for something special they have achieved that week. This week's chosen children are:

#### Mrs Wheatley's Nursery Class



Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to congratulate **Dylan** for his excellent independent mark making skills. Mrs Wheatley is very proud of you Dylan!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has been really impressed with **Ashton** for his fantastic work in maths linked to 'Five little men in their flying saucers!' Great work Ashton!

#### Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Lillie** for her excellent work in Maths this week. Lillie has really understood this week's learning and has produced some lovely work. Well done Lillie!

#### Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Ella** for her all round positive attitude and hard work in all aspects of school life. Well done Ella!

#### Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to **Natalie** for her meaningful contributions to the class discussion on Thursday when two visitors were in school for our PSHE Lesson. Keep up the hard work Natalie!

