



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

The new term is now well underway and I am very pleased that all of our children are settled into their learning. As I walk around school it is lovely to see children focused on their work and engaged in their activities. I am also very pleased with the wonderful manners shown by our children since we returned to school. Daily examples of children holding doors open for adults, saying 'Please', 'Thank you' and 'You're welcome' all contribute to a successful and happy school community. Although our children have had a great week, it has been a difficult one for office staff as our phone lines have not been working for three days. Can I apologise to anyone who was attempting to contact us, however, the identified fault was out of our control and required an engineer to visit the local exchange to solve the problem. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

It is really important to us that you are aware of the curriculum work children are taking part in to support and enhance their learning, particularly as we are now running our new curriculum in school. Your child's education is very much a partnership between home and school and there is much that can be done outside of school to ensure children are learning and developing at all times. With this in mind, your child is bringing home today a curriculum coverage sheet for their class for this half term. The sheet outlines what your child will be learning in school over the coming half term and gives suggestions and ways in which you can help to support them. You may, for example, wish to stick the sheet on the fridge as a point of reference in the coming weeks for discussion about what your child has done; or alternatively you may wish to visit the local library and get a selection of books on the topics they are learning or you may consider organising a weekend 'day out' that links to the learning that is being covered in school. Alongside this sheet we are providing some parental guidance on supporting children in reading, writing and spelling for their Key Stage. I hope you find these documents useful and if you require any clarification or further ideas to support your child's learning, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. These sheets are also available to view on our website at the address below.

This week children have been voting on our new School Council members for the academic year. The process began with nominations in each class, where children put themselves forward to take on the role. This followed with children addressing their class and explaining to them why they would like to be a School Council member and outlining the skills and qualities they have that will make them successful in the job. The class then voted on who they would like to see as School Council representative. The votes were counted and the following children have been voted as School Council members for 2014-15. They are:

Reception Class - Luke Thompson

Year 1 - Lewis Wood

Year 2 - Chloe Demeyre

Year 3 - Cameron Howe

Year 4 - Kieran Howarth

Year 5 - Chloe Putt

Year 6 - Natalie Miller / Connor Box

The School Council will act as the main pupil voice of the school. Mrs Clark will be leading School Council this year and will organise regular meetings to discuss issues that the children want to raise. Please encourage your child to know the name of their class School Council member and for children to talk to them about issues they would like raising at our meetings. The School Council will also aim to write a regular report on their activities for our school newsletter to keep everyone up to date.



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!



50/50 Draw in September

Our monthly 50/50 draw has proven very popular over the last year and we plan to continue this monthly draw over the coming academic year. For those new to the school, parents and family are encouraged to buy a ticket costing £1.00 each and every month a ticket is drawn from all entries. The winning ticket holder receives half of the total money raised, with the other half going towards school funds. Tickets for this month's 50/50 draw are now on sale and are available from Mrs Campbell in the school office. The draw will be made during assembly on **Friday 26 September**.

Lost and Found Uniform

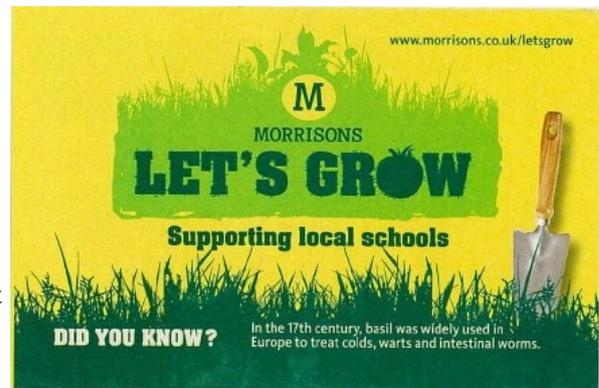
Already this term we have had a couple of children mislaying jumpers, cardigans or coats and I can certainly understand parents frustration if they have just purchased new uniform for the new school year and already it is lost.

Could I please ask that all parents label their child's clothing with a permanent marker to ensure lost items can be reunited with their owners as soon as possible. Also could I encourage all parents who find their child coming home with a jumper or item of clothing that they know does not belong to them, to return the item to school and let their class teacher know so the right owner can be found

Thank you.

Morrisons Let's Grow Vouchers

If you have shopped at Morrisons recently, you may have noticed the Let's Grow campaign has now started. The Let's Grow Campaign aims to capture the imagination of children by showing them where food comes from and inspiring them to grow their own fruit and vegetables in the school grounds. Vouchers are available to collect in store and one voucher will be issued for every £10 spent. These vouchers can then be sent into school where we can redeem them against a range of fantastic equipment from the Let's Grow catalogue. All vouchers will be gratefully received and our Collection Box is located in the main school entrance.



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 **Aaron Plews** for doing a great job of following Nursery rules and routines all week. Well done Aaron!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig and Miss Atkinson have nominated **Luke Thompson** for his brilliant maths work in class this week. Luke has worked really hard and shown lots of enthusiasm. Fabulous work Luke!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Fearn Abbott** for trying really hard even when she finds her learning a little difficult. Excellent work Fearn!

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Harry Thompson** for his much improved handwriting this week. Harry is trying really hard to form and join all his letters correctly. Well done Harry!

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Brandon Johnson** for fabulous effort and perseverance with his maths work this week. Brandon is really working hard. Great work Brandon!

