



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

Once again we have had another busy week in school and I have spent lots of time in classrooms looking at all the fantastic learning that is taking place. I was delighted to see children across the whole school engaged and involved in all of their lessons, asking really good questions and working very hard for themselves and their teachers. There is a very positive working atmosphere in all of our classes which can only help to improve outcomes for pupils and ensure they get the most out of each day in school.

I have also had lots of children visiting my office for awards and congratulations on their wonderful efforts in school. Daily examples of fabulous homework, children showing a great attitude and effort in after school clubs and children going out of their way to help others in class and on the playground all contribute to a very positive learning environment.. Well done to all our children!

Our celebration of European Day of Languages today proved a huge success with the whole school learning about the country of France. Mrs Salkeld taught children about famous French artists and give them the chance to create their own individual masterpieces. Mrs Clark was teaching children about the French language and encouraging children to hold simple conversations in French, whilst Ms Simons worked with children on the culture of France with children enjoying tasting a range of French foods as part of this. Mrs Craig and Mrs Wheatley in Reception and Nursery also took part in the celebrations with food tasting, artwork and singing songs.

Thank you to all those who attended today's McMillan Cancer Support Coffee Afternoon in school. As the newsletter is produced on a Friday morning, I can't let you know how many people attended or the amount of money we raised, however for those that did take part I hope you enjoyed the lovely range of cakes that were available and the opportunity to see children taking part in our weekly celebration assembly. I will let you know the total amount raised next week!

Looking to next week, we are delighted to welcome Mr Prempah a teacher from our partner school Great Commission Academy in Ghana, West Africa. Mr Prempah will be in school all week working with children and staff in classes and learning about education in the UK. It is Mr Prempah's first visit to the UK and I know how much he is looking forward to coming to our school and sharing with our children and staff all of the work he has been doing in his school linked to our joint Connecting Classrooms project. I know that our whole school community will give him a very warm welcome.

Just a reminder for parents of children in Ms Simons' Year 1/2 class that parents evening will take place next **Tuesday 30 September** after school. You should have all received an appointment letter yesterday so please send this back into school by Monday to secure your appointment time. Parents Evening for all other classes will take place the following Wednesday, 8 October. A letter will follow next week for you to book your appointments.

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!



### Pupil Safety in Howden le Wear

I have received a number of reports over the last few weeks of children from our school who are playing out in our village on bikes/scooters, but demonstrating very little regard for the Highway Code or their own personal safety. Many residents from all areas of Howden have been in touch to report 'near misses' involving vehicles and our children; or to express their concerns and fears that sooner or later a child will be seriously injured. This is a huge concern as everyone in our community has children's health, safety and well-being as their number one priority.

Examples of children riding without lights in the dark, bikes with no brakes, children not wearing cycle helmets; coupled with children riding up the middle of the main road and darting across roads without looking what is coming all increase the risk of a serious accident occurring.

We have addressed this in school with all of our children and will continue to reinforce this message over the coming weeks and months through individual work in classes and events involving the Bikeability Team from Durham County Council and local Police. However, it is really important that this message is reinforced at home as well.

You will have received a flyer with last week's newsletter promoting our Bike Security Marking event taking place in school from 2.30pm until 4pm on Tuesday 23 October. We are encouraging children and parents to bring their bikes along to get them security marked, whilst also Police and cycle experts will be on hand to provide advice on all aspects of bike and road safety.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could speak to your child about this very important safety matter and reinforce the dangers of 'silliness' on our roads and streets. 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 **Evie Bennett** for settling really well into Nursery this week. Well done Evie!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has been really impressed with **Tyler Bennett** for kind, helpful and welcoming behaviour when we had some visitors in Reception on Thursday. Great work Tyler!

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



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Mica Rouse** for trying really hard in all her work this week. Mica is very well mannered too and is a pleasure to have in class. Great work Mica!

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Ella Cooke** for her all round good attitude to learning and great effort in class. Congratulations Ella on this well deserved award!

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

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Christopher Emerson** for always getting involved in his learning. Christopher always has his hand up to answer questions, is always doing his best and is producing some great work. Well done Christopher!

