



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Next Tuesday 21 October we host our annual Harvest Festival Service at the Methodist Church in the village. Both children and staff have been working very hard preparing for this and we hope as many parents, carers and family members as possible can attend. The service is due to start at 9.30am and will be led by the children with a mix of songs and explanations about the meaning of Harvest Festival. As always, we will be having a collection in the Church and this year we are collecting for Howden le Wear Scouts who are currently raising funds for three members of the Scout group to travel to Japan in August 2015 for the World Scout Jamboree.

Linked to Harvest Festival, Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to request that parents of Nursery children bring them to school at the usual time where staff will then walk the children to the Church and return them to school after the performance.

On Wednesday next week our Key Stage 2 children are visiting Sunderland Empire theatre to watch The Lion King. Children involved will leave school for Sunderland at 1pm. The performance starts at 2.30pm and is expected to finish at 5pm, therefore the bus will drop off in Howden outside the Community Centre at between 6.15pm and 6.30pm, traffic dependent. Could you please ensure you are promptly at the Community Centre from 6.15pm and because it will be dark when we return to school no children will be allowed to walk home alone and a responsible adult should be waiting to collect them. Please let your child know in advance as to who will be picking them up and how they will travel home. Also, we will be providing drinks and snacks for children during the interval of the performance, so no extra money is required for the visit.

Tickets have been selling fast for our Halloween Disco on Friday 24 October from 4pm to 5.30pm. Tickets will still be available next week, so if you haven't got one yet there is still time to do so! Tickets cost £2.50 per child which gets them entry to the disco, a hot dog, bag of crisps and a drink. For our younger children, (Nursery Reception and Year 1) we have suggested one parent may wish to stay in school for the duration of the disco. There is the option for the parent to sit in the hall with their children or alternatively we plan to allocate a classroom where parents can wait for their children away from the loud noise. Should your child need you during the disco then we will direct them to you. Unfortunately children who are not members of our School or Nursery cannot attend the disco. This is so we can account for every person on school premises, pay consideration to the maximum number of people allowed in the hall under Fire Regulations and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children. I hope all our children enjoy the disco!

Thank you to those parents who have already returned their home/school agreements that were sent out with last week's newsletter. So far we have received just over 30- back in school. However, that still leaves over 50 replies outstanding. We would be most grateful if these could be sent back into school next week.

Finally as a reminder to parents, school breaks up next Friday for half term and children return to school after the week long break on Monday 3 November.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this very busy week in school.

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!



School Achieves Sainsbury's School Games Silver Award!

We are delighted to announce that this week we received confirmation that we have been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Silver Award. To achieve the award schools have to demonstrate they provide pupils with two hours of high quality PE per week, offer a wide selection of sporting after school clubs and are involved in both intra and inter-school sporting competitions. This is a fantastic achievement for our school and is testament to the high emphasis we place in school on sport and physical activity. Thank you to Mrs H. Clark, our PE subject leader, for submitting the application for this award and we look forward to next year working towards the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award!



School Photograph Competition

As part of our ongoing work with The Rotary Club of Crook, we are pleased to announce their annual Young Photographer Competition. Over the last few years we have had a number of successful entries with some excellent prizes won by children. This year's competition offers prizes of vouchers and all entrants will receive a certificate. The competition theme for this year is 'Light Up Your Community' and children are encouraged to take either colour or black and white photographs to reflect this theme. The closing date for entries is Tuesday 2 December, so there is lots of time available to get involved. If you would like your child to take part, please pick up an entry form from Mrs Campbell in the school office and return all completed entries to school. We look forward to seeing some of the wonderful photographs children have produced.



Themed Breakfast Club Next Friday

Attached to today's newsletter is a flyer for our Autumn themed breakfast club that will take place next **Friday 24 October**. Please complete the form if you would like your child to attend and return it to school with the appropriate payment.

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 **Macy Beasley** for fantastic retelling of the Sleeping Beauty story in class this week. Well done Macy!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has been really impressed with **Kharis Fairest** for writing a wonderful invitation and fairy tale story. Mrs Craig is really proud of your efforts Kharis.

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Ben Plews** for his excellent attitude and effort to all his work this week, especially Numeracy, Literacy and spelling work. Great effort Ben!

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Grace Genner** for her hard work in trying to improve her writing this week. Brilliant work Grace!

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Ella Williams** for being a brilliant captain at our Tag Rugby festival. Ella was very supportive of all her team mates and showed excellent leadership skills throughout. Well done Ella!

