



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

What a fabulous week it has been in school. There has been so much going on I know staff have struggled to keep up!

We began the week with Harvest Festival that took place on Tuesday morning in the village Methodist Church. This was a wonderful occasion where all members of the community could get together. I thought our children performed their lines with confidence and clarity and there was some excellent singing from everyone too. Thank you to all those who attended. Our collection for the Howden le Wear Scouts raised **£66.00** which will be used to support the visit of three members of the Scout group to Japan in August 2015 for the World Scouting Jamboree.

On Tuesday afternoon Key Stage 2 children took part in an Intra School Tag Rugby tournament where children worked in Castle Teams to play a number of Tag Rugby matches. The overall winning team was Lumley Castle, but the main aim of the event was to promote and encourage good sportsmanship and teamwork, of which there were many examples. Well done to all children who took part and thank you to Mrs H Clark for organising this event. I am sure there will be more events like this organised over the coming months.

The Lion King visit to Sunderland Empire on Wednesday afternoon proved to be a huge success. Throughout the day on Thursday so many children were talking about the fantastic animals, music, lighting and special effects that were part of the show. Classes have been completing some follow up work in school linked to the visit and we thank you for supporting this initiative in school so that children could experience such a wonderful show.

Finally we hosted the Friends of the School Halloween Disco on Friday evening. Although the newsletter goes to print before the disco, I am sure everyone will have had a great time and finishing the half term with a whole school disco is a nice way to congratulate the children for all their hard work since September.

School reopens again for children after the half term break on Monday 3 November at 8.45am. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you next half term as we head towards Christmas.

Mr C Baines,
Headteacher

Follow the Fireworks Code.

- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light all fireworks at arms length
- Stand well back
- Never go back to a lit firework
- Never put fireworks in your pocket
- Never throw fireworks
- Keep pets indoors.



2. Use only BS 7114 Fireworks

Check this when you are buying. All reputable dealers will only sell fireworks to this standard and if you are ever offered any others leave them alone!

3. Take special care with sparklers

Sparklers can be beautiful and enjoyable for young children but adults must be aware of their potential. Sparklers are the cause of a disproportionate number of injuries but only a few simple precautions are necessary.

- Always supervise children with sparklers.
- Teach them to hold the sparkler at arms length, but not near anyone else
- Sparklers are not for the under 5s. They will be labelled as such and it is your responsibility.

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!



Tag Rugby Team In Action

Last week both Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 children represented our school at Tag Rugby Festivals at local Secondary Schools. Our children played a number of matches against other local primary schools and built on their tag rugby skills that have been taught in school over the last half term.

There were some brilliant tries scored in all the games with children showing many examples of the six core values of the Sainsbury's School Games – **determination, teamwork, respect, honesty, passion and self belief.**

Well done to all those who took part!



Swimming Changes for Year 3/4 After Half Term

When we return after the half term holidays, swimming for our Year 3/4 pupils will change to a **Tuesday at Wolsingham Swimming Pool**. This is due to the temporary closure of Woodhouse Close pool until Christmas. The first session at Wolsingham will take place on Tuesday 4 November and continue for the full half term. In January 2015, pupils will return to Woodhouse Close pool on a Thursday.

Children perform at Wolsingham School

Ten of our children performed at Wolsingham School on Thursday night as part of a show entitled 'Night at the Musicals.' Children joined with Wolsingham pupils to perform a selection of songs and dance routines from many famous musicals in front of an audience of 150 people. A huge well done to **Layla Harrison, Jack Bullen, Kia Johnson, Lucy Johnson, Bethany Clark, Abbie Keneford, Georgia Hope, Kate Johnson, Brodie-Anne Luke and Kc Palmer.**

Half Term Is Fast Approaching And So Are The Dark Nights!

As we break up for half term, can we remind you that the clocks go back this **Sunday 26 October** and we can all look forward to an extra hour in bed on that day!



Children's Achievements In School

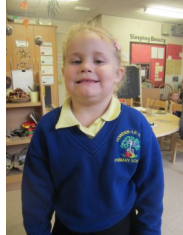
Every Friday teachers choose a child from their class to be recognised for something special they have achieved that week. This week's chosen children are:

Mrs Wheatley's Nursery Class



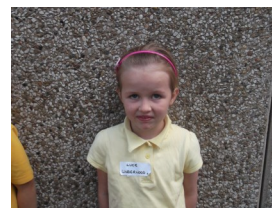
Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to congratulate **Rhyannon Nicholas** for being kind and sharing her toys with others. Well done Rhyannon!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has been really impressed with **Millie Box** for her fantastic exploring the outdoor mud kitchen. Millie was very creative and talked a lot about her work. Great work Millie!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Lucie Underwood** for being very polite in school, working really hard and trying her best throughout the half term. Great work Lucie!

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Sienna** for settling really well into class and making a good start after joining our school this week. Well done Sienna!

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to **Alex Smith** for his very positive attitude towards all aspects of school life. Over the last half term Alex has shown lots of determination during football sessions with our FA Coach and as a result has achieved the most in these sessions. Well done Alex!

