



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Welcome back to school for what promises to be a very busy half term in the run up to Christmas!

This week in school we launched our Walk to School campaign in conjunction with Durham County Council and a company called Living Streets. The aim of the project is to encourage children to walk to school or walk part of the way to school on at least one day per week. Every day children have access to an online 'Travel Tracker' where they can record how they have travelled to school each day. If children have managed to walk on at least one day per week they will receive a badge at the end of each month. There is a different badge to collect each month and the project will run until the end of the academic year in July 2015.

We very much realise that children get to and from school in lots of different ways but parents who bring their children to school in cars could support this by parking on one day a week a little further away from school than normal ie, on Railway Street or by the Methodist Chapel in Howden le Wear and walking children to school from there. Also, for those children who attend breakfast club every day staff will encourage children to walk a couple of laps of the playground before school once a week to enable them to achieve their badge at the end of the month. We hope all our children enjoy taking part in this initiative.

The First World War officially ended on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day on the eleventh month, 1918 - Armistice Day. The act of a Two Minute Silence began on the anniversary of Armistice Day in 1919 by those who did not want to forget the millions killed, injured and affected. Now generally called Remembrance Day, millions of people stop what they are doing and observe a Two Minute Silence at 11am on 11 November each year in the memory of those who have been affected in all conflicts. As a school we intend to honour this occasion next Tuesday by taking children to both the War Memorial opposite the Spar and to the numerous war graves located in the cemetery next to school to conduct our two minutes silence. Children and staff will be making poppies and wreathes to lay in commemoration of this event.

We have already pencilled in key events for this half term and an outline of these for your diary are listed below.

Friday 21 November - Year 5/6 visit to Durham Light Infantry Museum.

Thursday 4 December - Curriculum Celebration Event. Parents will be invited into school to look at and celebrate the fabulous work children have produced across the term. Further details to be released in the coming weeks.

Friday 5 December - Christmas Fair from 2pm in school.

Tuesday 9 December - Dress Rehearsal for Christmas production. All children involved.

Wednesday 10 December - Christmas Production in school. Two performances at 1.45pm and 6pm.

Friday 12 December - Whole school visit to the Gala Theatre Durham to watch this year's pantomime, Aladdin.

Tuesday 16 December - Christmas Dinner in school for all children.

Wednesday 17 December - Christmas Parties for all classes in school.

Friday 19 December - School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.05pm.

Finally, following the text message sent yesterday to parents, please be reminded that there will be no crossing patrol lady on Bridge Street either today or on Monday.

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!



Children in Need Day - Friday 14 November

This year's annual BBC Children in Need fundraising event is fast approaching so here is an outline of how we will be celebrating and raising money for this worthwhile cause in school next Friday:



- Next Friday we will be hosting a themed breakfast club. A cooked breakfast will be served along with Children in Need themed activities from 8am. The cost remains at £1.50 per child to attend. At the breakfast club children will also have the opportunity to decorate their own cupcakes to eat at playtime for 30p each.
- Non Uniform Day - for a minimum donation of £1.00, children can come to school in non uniform. This year the theme is 'Superheroes' and we are encouraging children to come to school wearing their favourite 'hero' outfit. Should your child not want to wear a 'hero' costume then normal non uniform is fine!
- We have a selection of cupcakes that will be on sale for 30p each at playtime.

We look forward to a great day next Friday whilst raising money for this very worthwhile cause!

Year 5/6 - a busy week of events starting on Monday!

Year 5/6 pupils in Mrs Clark's class have a lot to look forward to next week with visiting experts working in school and educational visits locally. Below is an outline of their week for parental information:

Monday - Afternoon visit from David Burns who will be working with the class on Anti Bullying issues and Street Safety. This is particularly important for our older children who may be out in the village after dark.

Tuesday - Year 5 pupils working with Mr Coates, a Science teacher from Wolsingham School. The following Tuesday (18 Nov) Year 5 children will be working with Mr Coates again, this time in the Science labs at Wolsingham School.

Friday - Year 5 pupils will be visiting Parkside School for the day to take part in a multi skills event. Transport and lunch is provided for all children and we look forward to a fun packed day working in different departments in the school.

Friday - Year 6 pupils will be visiting the Annual Safety Carousel organised by the Emergency Services at The Work Place in Newton Aycliffe. Children will learn about the things they need to do to stay safe and also how to act if certain types of emergencies do happen. **As Year 5/6 children are off site for the day next Friday we kindly request they attend school in normal school uniform.**

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 **Macie Adamson** for the fantastic retelling of the brilliant time she had with her family watching the fireworks on Wednesday.

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has been really impressed with **Indie Ash** for his brilliant understanding of fire safety, talking about being safe around fire sand being a firefighter in the fire station role play area.

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Sophie Howe** for her great effort in her maths and reading. Ms Simons is really proud of you Sophie - well done!

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Thomas Kershaw** for his amazing numeracy work this week. Thomas has been completing grid multiplication problems with lots of success. Well done Thomas!

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to **Lucas McLaughlin** for his wonderful effort and hard work in Numeracy. Lucas is making great progress in all areas of his maths learning. Great work Lucas!

