



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

As we move into May our attention in school begins to focus on formal testing to identify the progress children have made across the academic year in their core learning of English and Maths. Our Year 6 pupils are heavily focused on preparation for Key Stage 2 national testing that begins on Monday 11 May; whilst children in other year groups will be tested over the coming weeks using optional tests in reading, writing and maths. These tests are nothing for children to worry about and will not take long for children to complete with all of the questions in the tests covering learning that has taken place in class across the year. Formal testing also helps teachers to back up their teacher assessments judgements that have been made so that accurate annual reports can be written that clearly identify the next steps for development in each subject. Good luck to all children in their tests over the coming weeks and should you require any further information on the testing process in school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This weekend sees a bit of a celebration in the village with the grand opening of the new One Stop shop and Post Office. You will have noticed that the shop has been closed for around a fortnight for a full refurbishment to offer more choice and value on everyday essentials. To celebrate this, a grand opening has been organised for Saturday lunchtime which will include an official ribbon cutting at 12 noon involving One Stop and Post Office representatives followed by light refreshments and face painting for children between 12 noon and 2pm. Do go along and see what the new shop has to offer and attached to today's newsletter is a flyer for the new shop. We wish CP, Stephen and the One Stop team a very successful weekend.

On Thursday morning Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have a visitor in school who will work with them on control programming as part of the computing curriculum. Sally Landon from Durham County Cricket Education Team will be bring lots of activities into school for children to learn how to create basic computer programmes. We have had Sally work in school on a number of occasions in recent years and I know all children involved are in for a great time.

Also next week we have the General Election on Thursday - how can we forget with it splashed all over the news! Most people in Howden will need to visit Hargill Haven to cast their vote and polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm. Please remember to vote!

Finally, the first of the May Bank Holidays is upon us this weekend and as a result children are not in school on Monday next week. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday morning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Baines,
Headteacher



Howden's new 'One Stop' shop



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>

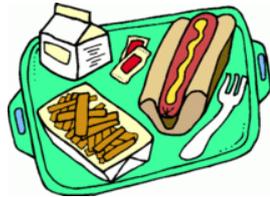
Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!



Dinner Money Reminder

Just to remind parents/carers that a school meal costs **£1.95 per day; £9.75 per week.**

However, just to confuse things for next week the cost for school meals will be £7.80 for the week due to children not being in school on Monday for the Bank Holiday. Please ensure dinner money is sent into school on Tuesday morning.



Shoes/PE Kit Reminder

Could we please remind parents that children need to have a PE kit in school throughout the week so teachers can take advantage of good weather and utilise our large school field.

Also could parents please ensure children have the correct footwear in school. Black shoes or trainers are a requirement in our school uniform policy and we have noticed a recently a number of children attending school in coloured trainers/shoes.

Thank you for supporting us with this.

Football Results

Our football team were in action again on Wednesday evening at Parkside School as part of the Parkside Willington Football League. We played two matches; the first against Tow Law Millennium Primary which we won 2-0 with both goals being scored by the 'in form' Connor Baul. The second match saw us lose 3-0 to a strong Witton le Wear Primary team. Well done to the following children who represented the school: **David Simpson, Brandon Johnson, Annie Turvey, Connor Baul, Kieran Howarth, Laura Ashton and Alex Smith.** Also thanks to Mr Sparks and Mrs Clark for attending this event and to **Alex Treend** for being a brilliant Assistant Manager.



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 and Miss Wilkinson in Nursery would like a special mention for **Evie Jayne** for her fantastic work on developing her skills when joining materials whilst building the Three Little Pigs house. Great Work Evie Jayne!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has been really impressed with **Alexander** for his great reading as part of work on houses and homes. Well done Alexander!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Finley** for amazing reading and excellent effort in class this week. Finley is making great progress in all areas of his learning and Ms Simons is very proud of him.

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Dominic** for fantastic writing and consistently high standards of homework. Excellent work Dominic!

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to **Laura** for putting 100% in everything she does and also making lots of time to support the work of others. Keep up the hard work Laura!

