



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. This is always one of my favourite half terms of the academic year as (hopefully) the weather improves and there are lots of opportunities for our children to take part in learning experiences both on and off the school site. Here are a selection of events that we have to look forward to over the next six weeks.

Our Year 6 children will be very busy preparing for their transition to secondary school. The main induction days at secondary schools are organised and secondary school staff are visiting school on a regular basis to work with and get to know our children. This half term Year 6's will be preparing for their leavers assembly on the last day of term as well as taking part in a number of sporting and educational events. Also next Thursday Year 5/6 children will be working with Sally Landon from 'Robosports' at Durham County Cricket Education Team focusing on control activities as part of the Computing curriculum. Sally works with children across school regularly and children always have a great time in her sessions!

Year 3/4 children have a busy half term and are looking forward to two educational visits. The first is to Low Barns Visitors Centre where they will take part in nature walks and practicing pond dipping as part of their Geography and Science curriculum; and the second is to the Museum of Archaeology in Durham linked to their learning on Vikings where children will get to take part in a workshop entitled 'The Coming of the Vikings'.

Year 1/2 children have lots of sporting activities organised with a weekly coach visiting school to teach games and tennis skills; whilst Reception and Nursery children will be looking forward to a visit to the Seaside as part of their Hot Places topic.

So overall we are set for busy and successful half term. More information on everything mentioned above will be sent out in due course. Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or myself at a time that is convenient.

Over the last half term we have enjoyed regular visits from Darren Brown from Durham County Cricket Club who has worked with children to deliver cricket coaching in school. Darren is looking to develop the Under 11's Cricket Team at Crook Cricket Club and is asking if any parents and children wish to join. Training takes place every Saturday morning from 10am to 11am at Crook Cricket Club and costs £2.00 per session. Once a team has been developed, matches will then be organised. Any interested children/parents, please speak to Mrs Clark in school or simply arrive at Crook Cricket Club on Saturday morning at 10am.

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!



### School Notices

**Tempest Photographs** - Tempest Photography return to school next Tuesday afternoon to complete the class photograph in Year 1/2. Due to the high number of pupils absent due to chicken pox on the last day of the half term, we felt it best to postpone the class photo until all children were back in school. Could parents ensure children in Year 1/2 are dressed in the correct school uniform next Tuesday.

**PE Kits / Sport in School** - Could parents please ensure children have the correct PE kit, including outdoor shoes, in school at all times over the summer term. We have many different sporting visitors to school in the coming weeks and we want to ensure that all pupils have the right equipment to take part.

**School Uniform Orders** - As we head towards the summer holidays, you may wish to get your children's school uniform order completed for the next academic year so that it is delivered to school before we break up. If that is the case, parents can order via Mrs Campbell in the next few weeks to ensure uniform can be picked up before the start of the summer holidays.

### Virgin Money Enterprise Initiative

This half term children across school are taking part in an exciting initiative aimed at improving their awareness of economic wellbeing and the value of money through our PHSE curriculum.

Virgin Money have very kindly provided the school with a £250 loan that will be distributed evenly between each class. Children will then work with staff over the next five weeks to use this money to design, make, advertise and sell products that will be on sale at the Summer Fair on Friday 10 July. The products could be food items, bookmarks, jewellery etc and the aim is for children to sell as many of their products as possible in order to make a profit on the money they have spent. At the end of the project we have to return the £250 loan to Virgin Money and any other money we make across each class will be allocated for the children to spend on resources and equipment in school.

I am sure this excellent initiative will be very popular with our pupils and we look forward to seeing all the fantastic products on sale from each class on Friday 10 July!



### Adult Learning In School

As publicised in the newsletter before half term, we have organised a FREE 6 week adult learning course entitled 'Traditional Play' that will take place in school. The course is aimed at parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1; and will focus on developing skills in playing and interacting with children utilising resources that you will have in the home and can find locally. The first session is on **Wednesday 10 June from 1pm to 3pm** and will involve one hour of taught skills for adults only, followed by a second hour putting those skills into practise with your child.

**If this course is of interest to you or your family and friends, please see Mrs Campbell in the school office.**

### 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 say a huge well done to **Faith** for settling into Nursery brilliantly this week. Mrs Wheatley is really proud of you Faith!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Alisi** for producing a fantastic label for the class Seaside Book. Great work Alisi!

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



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Holly** and **Rhys** who both joined our school this week. Holly and Rhys have settled in really well and have made an excellent start to their time at Howden.

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Kian** for excellent Maths work throughout this week. Kian has been involved in all his maths learning and always tries his best. Well done Kian!

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

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Luke** for always doing his best in class and always producing work of a really high standard. Keep up the hard work Luke!

