



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

This week has been a lovely one in school with children being busy with a variety of sporting activities and educational visits that have taken place. Along with this we have been preparing for our Easter Service next week; as well as all children working hard to complete their curriculum work in class. The solar eclipse was also viewed today by all children in school using special eclipse glasses and through the projection from a telescope. We were fortunate to have enough breaks in the cloud so all children got to see this rare event as it happened. Next week is very busy to as we head into the last week of the school term with lots of activities to celebrate Easter.

Next Tuesday sees our annual Easter Service at the Methodist Chapel in the village. All children are involved and we aim to start at **9.30am**. All are welcome and no ticket is required for entry. Following the performance our collection this year will be in aid of St Cuthbert's Hospice in Durham. Also, a selection of light refreshments will be served by the Methodist Chapel both before and after the event. Thank you to Frances Ann Johnson, one of our school governors and member of the Methodist Chapel for helping to organise this.

We also have our Easter Raffle running throughout next week with the draw taking place on Friday in whole school assembly. Thank you to those who have already returned their sold tickets that were attached to last week's newsletter. If you haven't returned yours yet, there is still time to do so to be included in the draw. Prizes include hampers and Easter goodies. Any other further Easter prize donations would also be greatly appreciated to add to the great selection of prizes we already have.

Next Friday we have organised an 'Egg Jarping' Competition in school. For those who are unaware a quick Google search provided the following information on Egg Jarping:

***Egg-jarping** is a competitive sport similar to conkers, but using hard-boiled eggs instead of the nuts from a horse-chestnut tree. The game is played between pairs of competitors who repeatedly knock the pointed ends of their eggs together until one of the eggs cracks; the overall winner is the one whose egg succeeds in breaking the greatest number of other eggs. The world egg-jarping championships have been held each Easter Sunday at Peterlee Cricket And Social Club County Durham, England, since 1983.*

We would like children to bring to school on Friday a painted / dyed hard boiled chicken's egg (no duck/ goose eggs please!) to take part in the competition. Mrs Campbell also stipulates that under no circumstances should eggs be varnished!! Heats will take place throughout the morning with the finals taking place during our final assembly of the term on Friday afternoon. We would also like Nursery children to bring a hard boiled egg on Friday and Mrs Wheatley will organise a morning and afternoon Nursery competition.

Also on Friday afternoon next week we will be presenting children with their reward for completing their Readathon challenge that has been running throughout the half term. If children and parents could return their completed Readathon record cards and any associated sponsor money by Wednesday, we will then be able to organise rewards for all of those who have completed their reading challenge that was set by their teacher.

Finally, just a reminder that school closes for the Easter holidays on Friday next week and reopens for children on Monday 13 April at 8.45am.

We look forward to seeing you at next week's Easter events and thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Baines,  
Headteacher



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**<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!



### Parents Consultation Evening

Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended Parents Evening on Wednesday/Thursday this week. Over 90% of children were represented which is an excellent turnout.

I hope you feel informed about the progress your child has made in school so far this year and are aware of their targets for the coming term. If you were unable to attend parents evening, please speak to Mrs Campbell or your child's class teacher who will organise a mutually convenient time to meet. Thank you.

### After School Clubs - Next Half Term

The after school club opportunities for children for the next half term are attached to today's newsletter.

There will only be a limited number of after school clubs for the next half term due to booster work and preparations for formal testing which take place in May.

If you would like your child to take part in an after school club, please return the form to school by Friday 27 March.

### Solar Eclipse Photos



### Easter Breakfast Club

Please find attached to today's newsletter a flyer for our Easter Breakfast Club taking place next Friday morning from 8am.

Children will be able to make their own cereal trifles with cereals, yoghurt and fruit, then be treated to a bacon or sausage sandwich. We will also have a selection of Easter activities for children to take part in.

Please return complete forms to school as soon as possible to help us know how many children to expect.

### 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 to congratulate **Macie** for her fantastic knowledge when planting seeds. Well done Macie!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has been really impressed with **Katie** this week for the brilliant progress she has made in her writing and spelling recently. Mrs Craig is really proud of you Katie!

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



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Chloe** for the brilliant Level 3 Maths problems she has completed this week. Well done Chloe!

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Grace** for her excellent work on multiplication of numbers and her times table work. Keep up the good work Grace!

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

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to **Amber** for always having a positive attitude towards her work and being very caring towards others in school. Great work Amber!

