



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

We are now at the end of the second week of term and everyone is now back in the routine of school life.

As I am sure you will be aware, we have been inspected by Ofsted this week in school. The inspection took place on Thursday and Friday and focused on all aspects of the work we do in school. I would like to let you know that all of our children have been fantastic during the inspection with positive attitudes and excellent manners and enthusiasm throughout, so a huge well done to them all. Can I also thank you all for the positive comments and words of encouragement we have received during our inspection this week and thanks to those who took the time to complete the 'Parentview' online survey; the results of which help to support the inspection judgement of our school.

At this early stage, I am unable to inform you of the outcomes of the inspection for our school. The inspector now needs to produce his final report before official publication in a few weeks time. I will, of course, let you know of the outcomes when they are published and every family will receive a copy of the final report.

Looking to next week, a number of children will be representing our school in an inter school swimming gala at Woodhouse Close Pool on Wednesday afternoon, whilst on Thursday evening Ms Simons will be hosting a Night Walk for children in her Year 1/2 class linked to their learning in Literacy around the author Julia Donaldson's books and Science work linked to nocturnal animals. We hope as many Year 1/2 children and adults can join us as possible.

Our After School Clubs for this half term have been very well received with the majority of clubs being full from the first week back in school. Reception / Key Stage 1 Healthy Eating Club on Monday sees children following recipes to prepare, cook and serve a healthy meal using fresh ingredients each week; whilst on Wednesday our cluster PE focus this half term is Multiskills, so we have a multiskills club led for children in school.

We look forward to another good week in school.

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!



Term Dates

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	School closes	Reopens
Spring half term	Friday 13 Feb	Monday 23 Feb
Spring end of term	Friday 27 Mar	Monday 13 Apr
May Day	Friday 30 Apr	Tuesday 5 May
Summer half term	Friday 22 May	Weds 3 June
Summer end of term	Friday 17 July	Thurs 3 Sept
Autumn half term	Friday 23 Oct	Mon 2 Nov
Autumn end of term	Friday 18 Dec	Mon 4 Jan 2016

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Spring half term	Friday 12 Feb	Mon 22 Feb
Spring end of term	Thursday 24 Mar	Mon 11 Apr
May Day	Friday 29 Apr	Tues 3 May
Summer half term	Fri 27 May	Mon 6 June
Summer end of term	Weds 20 July	To be determined

School Milk

As part of the new School Food Plan that promotes healthy eating choices and a balanced diet for all; we are now able to offer all pupils the choice of a glass of milk with their lunchtime meal.

As a school we are subsidising this initiative for all children so there is no extra cost to families.

Children who bring a packed lunch to school are also welcome to choose a glass of milk to drink with their meal should they wish to. Children on packed lunch simply need to visit the lunch service counter and Mrs Bateman will provide them with their milk.



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 **Dylan** for showing an interest in ICT by using the Ipad to play a sound lotto game. Keep up the good work Dylan!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has been really impressed with **Luke** for doing a brilliant job talking about his writing in class. Mrs Craig is very proud of you Luke!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Teegan** for her excellent effort in reading, writing and maths this week. Teegan is also doing a brilliant job reading at home as well as school. Well done Teegan!

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Thomas** for his fabulous work in cricket this week. He has proven himself to be a good teamplayer and his cricket skills are developing well. Good work Thomas!

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to **David** for his tremendous effort in writing. David has worked very hard this week and produced some lovely work. Great effort David!

