



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

On Thursday this week we had a fabulous day with our visit from M&M Productions who came into school to perform their show of Dick Whittington. Children and staff were treated to a very professional production with full staging, costumes, sound and lighting. The show was really interactive and children had a wonderful time watching the performance and singing along to the songs. Following this, children were involved in a selection of afternoon activities organised by teachers which concluded with all classes coming together for an 'afternoon tea' in the hall. As stated in last weeks newsletter, Thursday's events were a celebration in school to say a big 'thank you' to our children for all their hard work this half term, particularly in light of our recent Ofsted success. I hope all children enjoyed the day and below are a selection of pictures of the events.



After half term we begin the week on Monday with the arrival of our **Scholastic Book Fair**. The book fair is packed with over 200 titles for you and your child to browse through, and with prices starting from £2.99, there is sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy! Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school. This year our target is to raise £500.00 from books which will gain the school over £150.00 in free books!

The book fair will be open daily from Monday at morning playtime and after school from 3.05pm to 4pm until **Friday 27 February**. Should you be unable to attend and wish to provide your child with money to choose their own book, please ensure the money is sealed in an envelope with your child's name clearly written on the front. Attached to today's newsletter is a brochure showing some of the books available at the fair.

Finally, as a reminder we break up today for half term and children return to school on Monday 23 February. I hope you all have a relaxing half term break and 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!



Welcome to Miss Ward

This week we welcome Miss Ward who will be working as a student teacher in Ms Simons Year 1/2 class. Ms Ward is in the second term of her Newcastle University PGCE course and will be working with our Year 1/2 class until Easter. We welcome her and wish her well for her placement in school.



Key Stage 1 Games Festival

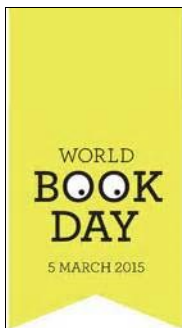
On Wednesday morning our Year 1/2 children took part in an Inter School Sportshall Games Festival at Parkside School. Children competed in a range of different activities against other local schools both individually and as part of a team. There were excellent examples of sportsmanship, teamwork and determination on show with all children trying their best throughout.

Well done to all children in Year 1/2 who took part!



World Book Day - Advance Warning!

Just a little advanced warning that World Book Day is on **Thursday 5 March 2015**, that is the second week back after the half term holidays. As in previous years, we would like children to come to school for the full day dressed up as their favourite character from a book and half term may be a great opportunity for you to work with your child/ren to get their costume sorted! More information on World Book Day in the first newsletter after half term!



School Photograph Money Deadline

You should have now received the 'proof' of your child's school photographs taken on Tuesday. If you would like to purchase the photographs, the deadline for payment to Mrs Campbell is Friday 27 February. After this time you will be only be able to purchase photographs from Tempest directly. Thank you.



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



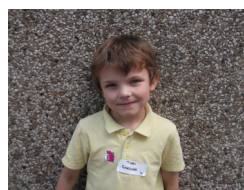
Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to congratulate **Rhyannon** for her brilliant listening skills throughout yesterday's theatre performance in school. Great work Rhyannon!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has been really impressed with **Hayden James** for his fantastic maths worked linked to Chinese New Year. Well done Hayden James!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Toby** for his fabulous maths addition of two digit numbers. Toby has produced some excellent work this week. Keep up the hard work Toby!

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Kia** for her brilliant writing linked to Chinese New Year. Well done Kia!

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to James for trying really hard to learn all his times tables in class. Great work James!

