



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Welcome back after the half term break. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead as we head towards Easter and we began this week with our school book fair. The fair was very well received by children and parents and as a result we will hopefully be able to get some commission for free books in school. The book fair is not collected until Monday lunchtime so if you have not had chance to visit, please do so at the start of the school day on Monday. I will let you know the total amount raised in next week's newsletter.

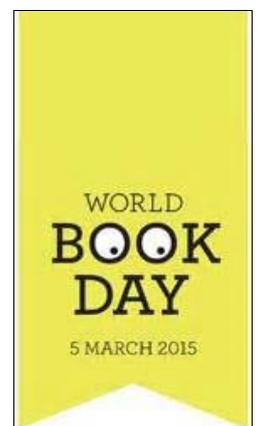
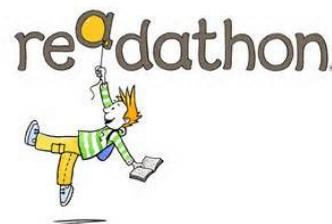
Next **Thursday 5 March** is World Book Day and we are encouraging children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a storybook. Can we politely request that, as in recent years, children don't come dressed in football kit because their favourite footballer is featured in a football annual they own! The idea is that children choose their favourite storybook first, then choose a character to come dressed as from that book. Often the most simple ideas are the most effective so we would encourage you to use items you have at home for the costume as opposed to buying new costumes for children to wear. Also, this is a great opportunity for parents / carers to talk to their children about their favourite book and work together to create a costume. I look forward to seeing all the fantastic designs on Thursday!

Linked to our reading theme this week, we are launching our 'Readathon Challenge' in school. Today children will be bringing home a Readathon record card with a personalised Readathon Challenge that has been set for them by their teachers. This challenge may be to read two, three or more books between now and the start of the Easter holidays in four weeks' time. Every time your child reads a book, please write the title of the book in the space provided. We plan to provide a small reward for every child that reaches their reading target on the last assembly of the term on Friday 27 March. Children can also be sponsored for the Readathon and there is space on the record card for children to collect sponsorship for the books they have read. All money raised through the Readathon will go to charities that help seriously ill children including CLIC Sargent, Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity and Together for Short Lives. More information about the Readathon including information about where sponsorship money goes can be found at www.readathon.org.

Finally, attached to today's newsletter is a curriculum coverage sheet for your child's class which provides an overview of what your child will be learning between now and Easter. We look forward to a wonderful half term 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>

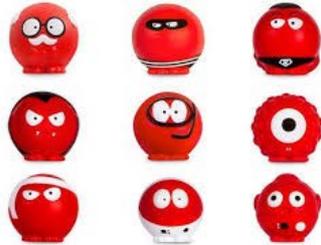
Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!



Comic Relief 'Red Noses' Now On Sale!

With Comic Relief Day just around the corner, we are delighted to have on sale in school official Comic Relief Red Noses. Each nose costs £1.00 and there are 9 designs to find and collect this year as shown below. We have two boxes of noses (120 in total) to sell and they will be sold on a first come first served basis, so we encourage you to buy one sooner rather than later as they are expected to sell out quickly.

Thank you for your support in raising money for Comic Relief.



Ofsted Outstanding School Logo

This week we received a letter from Sir Michael Wilshaw, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools congratulating us on our recent Ofsted success. Along with the letter was a CD Rom containing a selection of 'Outstanding' provider logos that can be used on our school signage and stationary. We intend to add these to our school website and stationary over the coming weeks.



Parents Consultation Evening

This term's Parents Consultation Evening for the majority of classes will take place on **Wednesday 18 March from 2.30pm**. Ms Simons Year 1/2 class Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 19 March from 2.30pm. Further information and booking arrangements will be sent out over the coming weeks. Thank you.

Mother's Day Lunch in School

Mother's Day is fast approaching and to celebrate in school we are inviting mums and grandmas into school on **Wednesday 11 March** to have a special lunch with their family members in school. Lunch costs £2.50 per adult and a letter / Menu will be sent out soon for people to sign up for this.



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 **Macy** for her brilliant writing this week. Macy has been writing some wonderful labels to let everyone know the names of plants in the Nursery. Great Work Macy!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has been really impressed with **Kharis** for sharing her experiences and artefacts from her recent holiday. Mrs Craig is delighted you brought these in Kharis - well done!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Fearne** for her beautiful singing and learning the songs in preparation for our Easter Service. Fabulous work Fearne!

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Matthew** for making excellent progress with his writing. Matthew wrote a fantastic 'wizard's potion' this week using brilliant adjectives and alliteration. Well done !

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to **Annie** for her excellent attitude to learning and hard work at all times. Mrs Clark comments that Annie is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the hard work Annie!

