



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Our recent Ofsted inspection report is now published and available to all members of the public to view and download from the Ofsted website. Links can also be found on our own school website at the address below. As a school, we recognise that our children played a crucial role in securing the outstanding outcomes in the inspection report. As a result of this we have planned a celebration day next Thursday for all pupils in school, to say a big 'thank you' for the effort and attitude they show towards all aspects of school life every day of the academic year. So, next Thursday morning we have a touring theatre company, M&M Productions, visiting school to perform their show of Dick Whittington. The show has had very positive reviews from other schools and we know children will really enjoy watching and joining in this interactive show. Coupled with this, on Thursday afternoon we will have a party afternoon where children get to choose activities to take part in and we will be providing party food and drinks. There is no cost to individual children for this and we hope all our children enjoy this celebration day in school.

Next Tuesday 10 February is **Safer Internet Day** and throughout next week we will be working with children across school to further develop their understanding of the importance of being safe when accessing the Internet. The slogan being used for this year's event is 'Let's create a better Internet together.'

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet because ultimately, a better Internet is up to us!

We are encouraging all parents to join in with this initiative as parents and carers play a crucial role in supporting children to navigate the risks online and make the most of the opportunities offered by technology. Possibly the most important thing you can do is to have a regular conversation with your child/ren about Internet safety and stay engaged with your children's digital lives so you are fully aware of what they are accessing online. Further information, support, resources and ideas for Safer Internet Day can be found by logging on to:

www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2015

Should you require any further support with this or if you are ever concerned about what your child is accessing online, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher, Mrs Craig our school Computing Subject Leader or myself.

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:

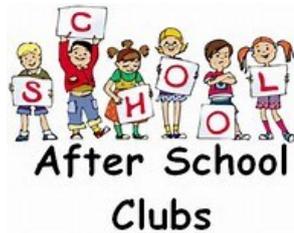
<http://www.howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk>

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



After School Clubs - Spring 2 2015

Please find attached next half terms After School Activities programme. As usual, please complete the slip attached outlining which clubs your child/ren would like to attend and return to school by **Friday 13 February** to secure your place. All after school clubs continue to be provided **free of charge** to all pupils and we look forward to seeing as many pupils as possible taking part next half term.



School Photographs on Tuesday Next Week

Tuesday is our annual school photograph morning in the main hall. If you would like your children to have their photograph taken with siblings who are not in school, could we request you arrive at the main entrance for 8.45am. Afternoon Nursery children are also welcome to come along at this time to ensure they have their photo taken. Brothers/ sisters who are in school will be taken together throughout the morning, as well as individual pictures of each child.

Your child will bring a 'proof photo' home on the night and you can then decide whether you would like to purchase.

Winter Warmer Breakfast Club Next Friday

Please see the attached flyer for our special themed breakfast club next Friday morning. All children from Nursery upwards can attend and these events are always well received by children. Please complete the flyer and return it to school by Wednesday next week. A selection of hot and cold breakfast items will be served and the cost remains at £1.50 per child. Thank you.



Bikeability Session for Year 6

Over the last few weeks the Year 6 Bikeability sessions have been postponed due to the weather. To ensure the course is completed before half term, the last session has been organised for **Friday next week**. Please ensure all Year 6 children bring their bikes/ helmets etc to school on Friday next week. 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 **Alfie** for developing his confidence at Nursery and for making lots of new friends. Well done Alfie!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has been really impressed with **Ashton** for his brilliant artwork this week. Ashton has worked really hard and produced some lovely pieces. Great work Ashton!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Ryan** for his fantastic spelling recently. Ryan has achieved full marks in his spellings and Ms Simons is really proud of him. Well done Ryan!

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



Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Carla** for her very mature approach to all her work and for being a responsible, helpful member of the class. Great work Carla!

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to **Bethany** for fantastic creative writing linked to the story of 'Warhorse' by Micahel Morpurgo that the class have been studying. Great work Bethany!

