



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Next Tuesday 20 October we host our annual Harvest Festival Service at the Methodist Church in the village. Both children and staff have been working very hard preparing for this event and we hope as many parents, carers and family members as possible can attend. The service is due to start at 9.30am and will be led by the children with a mix of songs and explanations about the meaning of Harvest Festival. As always, we will be having a collection in the Church and this year we are actually collecting for Howden le Wear Methodist Church who have supported our Harvest events over many years. Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to request that parents of Nursery children bring them to school at the usual time where staff will then walk the children to the Church and return them to school after the performance.

Tickets have been selling fast for our Halloween Disco on Friday 23 October from 4pm to 5.30pm. Tickets will still be available next week, so if you haven't got one yet there is still time to do so! Tickets cost £2.50 per child which gets them entry to the disco, a hot dog, bag of crisps and a drink. For our younger nursery children, we have suggested one parent may wish to stay in school for the duration of the disco. There is the option for the parent to sit in the hall with their children or alternatively we plan to allocate a classroom where parents can wait for their children away from the loud noise. Should your child need you during the disco then we will direct them to you. Unfortunately children who are not members of our School or Nursery cannot attend the disco. This is so we can account for every person on school premises, pay consideration to the maximum number of people allowed in the hall under fire regulations and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children. I hope all our children enjoy the disco!

I have received a number of reports recently of children being unkind to one another and using inappropriate language when they are playing out after school and on a weekend. In certain cases this could be construed as bullying behaviour. This has caused much distress to some children and families in our village and I would appreciate if parents/carers could reinforce the message to children that deliberately targeting others with name calling, unkind words and actions is unacceptable. I would also ask that if adults witness this, please let us know in school so we can address this with those involved. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Next Friday we are planning a themed breakfast club in school from 8am onwards. Children will have the chance to make own 'cereal smoothies' with yoghurts, fruit and a range of cereals. Following this there is a hot option for children with sausages sandwiches or beans on toast being served. Please complete the attached form and return it with £1.50 to school by next Wednesday if your child would like to attend.

Mr Clarke would like to give parents/carers of Year 3 children prior warning that after the half term break, Year 3 children will be taking part in swimming lessons at Wolsingham School Swimming Pool every Friday morning until we break up for Christmas.

Finally as a reminder to parents, school breaks up next Friday for half term and children return to school after the week long break on Monday 2 November.

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!



Ghana Visit

We are delighted that Miss Atkinson and Miss Wilkinson have returned safely from Ghana and below is an overview of their experiences.

'After our safe arrival in the capital city of Accra, we travelled via bus up to Kumasi, the second largest city in Ghana and where our partner school is based. The views and sights that we saw were very different from the way we travel to school here...not everyday do you see 'smoked bats' for sale at the roadside or people carrying their wears in a basket on their heads!

We spent the week in the Great Commission Academy where every morning we were welcomed by both staff and children. On our arrival the older children performed a welcome ceremony where we were entertained with dances, singing and prayers.

Throughout the week we worked in different classrooms with children of different ages and spent time showing them a selection of our Summer Scrapbooks and discussing with the children about how they spent their holidays.

With the younger children we enjoyed singing rhymes and using the 'scrunchie' to sing action songs.

We were invited into the Secondary aged classes to discuss Children's Rights. The children and staff were intrigued to learn how children are treated, taught and respected in our country.

We were also given the opportunity to visit the centre of Kumasi which was very busy. We visited the palace and learned about their local culture and history. We also visited a local market where we saw Giant African Land Snails as well as other delicacies and local cuisine...which unfortunately neither of us was brave enough to try!!

We had a fantastic week in Ghana and are looking forward to welcoming our Ghanaian friends to the UK very soon.

Miss Atkinson and Miss Wilkinson



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 **Noah Fairless** for fantastic listening to Year 1 and 2 stories. Great work Noah!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Josie Buston** for asking some fabulous questions on our visit to Cassy's sweet shop. Well done Josie!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Jay Lee Young** for his amazing singing and effort in preparation for the Harvest Festival next week. Well done Jay-Lee!

Mr Clarke's Year 3 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Lucy Underwood** because of her great work on multiplication in maths this week. Brilliant work Lucy !

Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld's Year 4 Class

Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Kai Robson** for his brilliant work on fractions and decimals during maths work this week. Mrs Salkeld is really proud of you Kai!



Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Kieran Howarth** for always working hard and demonstrating enthusiasm in all that he does. Great work Kieran!



Well done to all our children this week for their fabulous effort and hard work in school.

