



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

This week we welcomed visitors into school from Keepmoat Construction who have a number of housing and building developments in the local area and nationally. Children were shown a DVD in Wednesday's assembly about the importance of staying safe around building sites with the clear message of 'Keep Out' being given to all children. Children asked some very sensible questions during the assembly and the important safety messages outlined by our visitors were understood by all. To further support this, Keepmoat would like to run a poster competition in school with children having to design a poster to warn of the dangers of playing on building sites. Keepmoat have kindly provided five £10 WH Smiths voucher so that a winner can be chosen from each class. Please find attached a sheet for children to complete their poster designs at home and return to school by next **Friday 16 October**. Good luck to everyone who enters!

I am pleased to inform you that Miss Atkinson and Miss Wilkinson safely arrived in Ghana last weekend. They have spent the week in school at Great Commission Academy and from speaking to them via email and text, they have had a fantastic time. Both staff are returning to the UK over the weekend and there will be much more information on their time in Ghana in next weeks' newsletter. Below are a small selection of photos we have been sent so far.



As we head into Autumn traditionally the number of children who are absent from school due to illness increases. We would be extremely grateful if parents/carers could let school know on the first day of absence why their child will not be in school for that day and keep us informed of how the child is doing if the absence is for more than two days. By doing this, we can mark in the register the exact reason for a child's absence and will not have to bother you with phone calls once registers have been taken to find the reason for the absence.

Thank you to all those children and parents who supported our Scholastic Book Fair that was held in school last week. We managed to raise **£344.00** which has earned the school £86.00 worth of new books for our school library!

Finally, on the reverse of today's newsletter is information about a Halloween Disco we will be hosting on Friday 23 October, the last day of the half term. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible and fancy dress, as always, is encouraged!

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!



## Halloween Disco - Tickets on Sale on Monday!

A Friends of the School Halloween Disco has been organised for Friday 23 October from 4pm to 5.30pm. All children in school are invited to attend and tickets will cost **£2.50** per person which includes entry to the disco, a hot dog, drink, crisps and bag of sweets. Tickets will go on sale on Monday morning next week. Could all money be sent into school with the child's name and class clearly labelled on the envelope, along with the words 'Halloween Disco'. Nursery children are also invited to attend and parents of our younger children are welcome to stay with their children throughout. Fancy dress and Halloween costumes are encouraged, but not essential.



**We look forward to a great disco to end the half term!**

## Mrs Wood wins Prestigious Award

You will all be aware that we host the village PACT - Police And Community Together - meeting in school every month. The meetings are always well attended and ably ran by Mrs Betty Wood from our village who has worked alongside Durham Constabulary officers for over 18 years! I am delighted to let you know that following nomination, Betty has been chosen from a long list of nominated people across County Durham to receive a Durham Constabulary 'WOW Award' for outstanding customer service to the people and families of Howden le Wear. Betty is only one of five people to have ever received a WOW Award from Durham Constabulary and everyone in school is delighted that Betty's hard work in promoting crime prevention within Howden le Wear has been recognised. Well done Betty!



## 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 **Thomas Underwood** for his great use of language during our sorting activity using Autumn leaves. Brilliant work Thomas!

### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Macy Beasley** for her fantastic work about shopping through using her maths and writing skills. Great work Macy!

### Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Ruby Nolan** for working incredibly hard in class and being a very good friend to others. Well done Ruby!

### Mr Clarke's Year 3 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Robyn Donegan** for creating and writing a fabulous narrative during Literacy work. Mr Clarke is really proud of you Robyn!

### Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld's Year 4 Class

Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Brandon Lee McGuinness** for his excellent Maths work this week, particularly his work on multiplication. Well done Brandon Lee!



### Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Lewis Davis** for amazing hard work and determination in all his lessons this week. Great work Lewis!



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

