



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 3 March** is World Book Day and as you will be aware, we celebrate this day every year in school to promote reading in all its forms. Next Thursday we are encouraging children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a storybook. 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 costumes on Thursday!

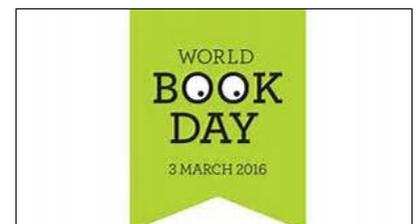
Also linked to World Book Day we would like to challenge all our children (and parents!) to take part in our Extreme Reading Challenge to promote an understanding that books can be read anywhere and everywhere! The challenge has been set, so we would like you to think about different, fun, exciting and SAFE places you can enjoy a book. Children can then tell their parents about their extreme reading idea and ask them if they could take a photo of you reading your book in your extreme place! Photos can be printed out at home and brought into school or can be emailed to school at howdenlewear@durhamlearning.net. Entries must be sent in by next Friday morning and we will show and celebrate our extreme readers in celebration assembly next Friday afternoon. Good luck and have fun with extreme reading!!

Thank you to everyone who has responded to attend our Mother's Day Lunch next Wednesday in school. Mum's and Grandmothers are invited into school to have lunch with their child/children to celebrate this special day. Lunch costs £2.50 per person and if you have not responded yet but would like to attend, please let us know by next Monday. We look forward to a lovely event in school.

This week your child will have brought home a new school lunch menu to make choices that will start after Easter. We seem to have changed the school lunch menu regularly since September due to various reasons and I apologise for this. However, we need to move to the summer 'deli' menu provided by Taylor Shaw after the Easter holidays. The deli menu now offers three choices per day and I would like to provide reassurances to all that this menu will be in place until October 2016.

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!



Smith Brothers Grab a 'Brace' For School Football Team

Our football team took to the pitch on Wednesday this week for the monthly Parkside Willington Football League. We had two games this week, the first against St Chad's School who beat us convincingly 6-1 ; with our only goal of the game being scored by **Alex Smith** after some great build up play.

In the second game Alex's brother, **Matthew Smith**, scored the only goal of the match against Stanley Crook Primary School to give Howden all three points. Well done to the Smith brothers for their goals and well done to all our footballers who took part.

Next month's Parkside / Willington Football League event is scheduled for **Wednesday 9 March** after school.



Clothes Recycle Bank Raises Money for School

Our clothes/shoe recycling bank located at the front of the school car park has proven very popular over the last six months with **£131.20** being raised for school funds that has accumulated from the weight of clothes and shoes that have been put in by members of school and the local community. Thank you to everyone for their clothes and shoe donations on behalf of the Salvation Army who run the clothes bank.

Now may be a great time to have a spring clear out and if you have any unwanted clothes or shoes that are still useable, please tie them in a bag and pop them in our school recycling bank.



Thank you for your support with 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 **Lily Nutter** for using her lovely imagination to develop her play and friendships with her peers. Well done Lily!

Miss Knaggs' Reception Class



Miss Knaggs has this week nominated **Sam McGow** for knowing some great facts about how we grow and how we look after babies. Well done Sam!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Alexander Manson** for his amazing effort when working independently on his written work. Great work Alexander!

Mr Clarke's Year 3 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Charlie Gilloway** for making a great effort to be helpful to others and working really hard in all his lessons. Well done Charlie!

Mrs Salkeld and Miss Hutchinson's Year 4 Class

Mrs Salkeld and Miss Hutchinson are really pleased with **Kian Fairest** for being a fantastic role model to other children and for always working hard. Well done Kian!



Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Alex Treend** for his amazing independent work in maths, particularly when exploring algebra. Keep up the hard work Alex!



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

