



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

This week has been a lovely one in school with children being very active with all the sporting activities for Sport Relief that have taken place and very musical with preparations for our Easter Service next week; as well as all children working hard to complete their curriculum work in class. Next week is very much the same as we head into the last week of the school term with lots of activities to celebrate Easter.

As stated above, we have been fundraising for Sport Relief this week; with children getting active to complete their Sport Relief Mile around the school grounds. Everyone seemed to have a great time whether they ran, walked or jogged the six lap course and we managed to raise a sum of **£110.00** from our sports themed non-uniform day on Friday which will be donated to Sports Relief 2016. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope those who attended parents evening on Wednesday felt that from speaking to staff and looking at work, that your child or children are continuing to make good progress in school. I hope also that the consultation improved your understanding of where your child is currently working at in line with the New National Curriculum and how you are able to support them further in the next stage of their learning. If you were unable to make this week's parents meetings, please contact me in school and I will be able to organise an appointment with your child's class teacher at a mutually convenient time. Thank you also to all those who took the time to complete the parents questionnaire. Your feedback is most valuable to us as we aim to never be complacent and all feedback is shared with school staff and actions taken to address issues that arise.

Moving on to next week, we begin on Tuesday with our annual Easter Service at the Methodist Chapel in the village. All children are involved and we aim to start at **9.30am**. All are welcome and no ticket is required for entry. Following the performance our collection this year will be in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance in memory of Shane Connor Dowson, an ex pupil of the school, who recently passed away. All donations will be gratefully received.

You may or may not be aware that next Thursday **Mrs June Bateman** is retiring from her job in our school kitchen. Mrs Bateman has been a feature of the Howden le Wear Primary School kitchen for the last **32 years** and I know she has served many children who are now our parents and some who are grandparents of children who attend school. To celebrate Mrs Bateman's retirement and long service to children and families in Howden le Wear, we are hosting an Afternoon Tea event next **Wednesday 23 March between 2pm and 3pm** in school. All parents, grandparents and community members who know Mrs Bateman are welcome to join us in school for a cup of tea and a piece of cake to wish Mrs Bateman well for her retirement. If you would like to attend, please come to the main entrance for 2pm. This week our Nursery children also held a tea party in Mrs Bateman's honour. I have attached a selection of photographs of this lovely event below.



We also have our Easter Raffle running throughout next week with the draw taking place on Wednesday afternoon during Mrs Bateman's retirement celebrations. Thank you to those who have already returned their sold tickets that were sent out last week. If you haven't returned yours yet, there is still time to do so to be included in the draw. Prizes include a hamper and Easter goodies. Any other further Easter prize donations would also be greatly appreciated to add to the great selection of prizes we already have.

Once again, we are hosting our annual 'Egg Jarping' competition on Thursday 24 March. Children are requested to bring a hard boiled dyed/painted chicken's egg into school to take part in the competition. There will be prizes for the winner of each class and a prize for the overall school champion. Don't also forget also that the Easter Egg Design Competition for children is running throughout next week with all entries receiving a prize along with overall winners prizes for each class. Please send completed eggs into school on by Thursday morning.

Finally, just a reminder that school closes for the Easter holidays on **Thursday next week** and reopens for children on **Monday 11 April at 8.45am**.

We look forward to seeing you at next weeks Easter events and 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!



Dropping Off Children On School Street - A Reminder To Parents.

In recent weeks we have had a number of incidents involving parents parking in the middle of School Street on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school to drop their children off on a morning. This has resulted in some residents of School Street being unable to leave their parking space outside their houses along with a backlog of cars having to wait on School Street until children have been dropped off.

Can I politely remind parents to find an appropriate space in the locality to park their car which doesn't restrict other road users, then to walk their children into school for the start of the school day.

Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Nursery Message from Mrs Wheatley

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank for helping use to prepare for our Easter celebrations at the make and stay session last Friday. I hope you agree that we all had a lovely day. The children all enjoyed working with their parents/carers to make their fabulous Easter Bonnets and I do hope everyone can join us at the Easter Service at the village Methodist Chapel next

Tuesday 22nd March at 9.30am to watch the children parade into Chapel wearing their bonnets. I have attached some pictures of the 'make and stay' session for you.

Mrs M Wheatley



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 **Joe Clark** for his fantastic listening skills during our multiskills work with our coach Jamie. Great work Joe!

Miss Knaggs' Reception Class



Miss Knaggs has this week nominated **Grace Wilkinson** for having good manners and being kind to her friends. Well done Grace!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Tyler Bennett** for excellent effort with his handwriting throughout the week. Keep up the good work Tyler!

Mr Clarke's Year 3 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Huw Halliley** for offering good answers and joining in with all activities on school trips. Well done Huw!

Mrs Salkeld and Miss Hutchinson's Year 4 Class

Mrs Salkeld and Miss Hutchinson are really pleased with **Lucy Johnson** for writing an amazing diary entry in literacy this week. Well done Lucy!



Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Kieran Grafton** for working really hard to grasp maths concepts like long division and Multiplication. Great work Kieran!



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

