



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have had a very busy week in school with children in Year 5/6 sitting their SAT National Tests. A very well done to all those children involved for their effort, hard work and determination to do the very best they can across the course of this week. Everyone gave 100% and I am sure they will have done themselves and their families proud when the results are published later in the term.

Nursery and Reception children, staff and family members enjoyed a memorable educational visit to Hall Hill Farm in Lanchester this week as part of their curriculum work in school. Children got to learn about, feed and pet a range of animals; enjoy tractor rides and use all of the fantastic outdoor play equipment at Hall Hill Farm. Everyone was delighted that the weather stayed fine for the day and a big thank you to parents, carers and family members for supporting this visit - we hope you all had a great day! Below are a selection of photos from the day.



Throughout next week we will be hosting Howden's Got Talent. Since children were told of this event, we have had a large number of acts put themselves forward to take part, either individually or as a group. Auditions for all pupils will take place on Wednesday afternoon in school in front of the whole school and a panel of 'expert' judges! A number of acts will then be chosen to go through to the final of Howden's Got Talent which will take place on Thursday afternoon in the school hall. Once all the acts have been seen, judges will choose overall winners and runners up with participants receiving castle points that will go towards their teams total for the term. We look forward to seeing an excellent range of talent in school next week and can parents ensure any props, resources or music needed for children's acts are sent into school for Wednesday next week.



Attached to today's newsletter is an invite for dads/grandads to attend our Father's Day Lunch on **Wednesday 15 June**. We would be most grateful if adults wishing to attend could let us know as soon as possible so that the right amount of food can be ordered by our kitchen staff before we break up for half term. If we have a sudden rush of people wanting to attend two days before the event, it often proves difficult to ensure there are enough meals to go around. We hope to see as many of you here as possible.

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!



Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

On Friday 10 June we plan to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in school with a 'street party' lunch on the school field. If your child is in Nursery or on packed lunch, you will receive a flyer giving pupils the option to stay and join in this whole school event.

Please return the form with payment to Mrs Campbell if your child would like to take part.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who collected Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers for our school. We have nearly finished counting them all and next week we plan to send them off to get our sports equipment for school. If you have any spare vouchers at home, please bring them to school so we can add them to the grand total! Thank you.



Themed Breakfast Club Next Friday

Please find attached to today's newsletter an invitation for children to attend a special breakfast club next Friday morning from 8am. Children will have the chance to make their own 'breakfast trifles' using cereals, yoghurt and fruit as well as enjoy hash browns, sausages and beans. The cost to attend is £1.50 per child. Please return the form as soon as possible next week if your child/ren would like to attend.



Police and Community Together (PACT) Meeting

Just a reminder that this month's PACT meeting will take place next **Wednesday 18 May at 6.30pm** in school. Come along and have the chance to speak with Police, Durham County Council officials and local councillors about issues that you face in Howden le Wear. Light refreshments are provided and everyone is welcome.



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 **William Grafton** for a fantastic recount of our trip to Hall Hill Farm. William really enjoyed his ride on "the big bumpy tractor." Well done William!

Miss Knaggs' Reception Class



Miss Knaggs has this week nominated **Brogan-Leigh Dowson** for her brilliant talking and writing about this week's visit to Hall Hill Farm. Well done Brogan Leigh!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class

Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Noah Andrews** for excellent effort in handwriting and settling in really well to his new school! Well done Noah!

Mr Clarke's Year 3 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Sophie Howe** for her determination to learn her times tables and improve her maths work. Great work Sophie!

Mrs Salkeld and Miss Hutchinson's Year 4 Class

Mrs Salkeld and Miss Hutchinson are really pleased with **Reece Pattison** for his excellent contributions in class and his great approach towards reading. Keep up the hard work Reece!



Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **all her Year 5/6 pupils** for their hard work and effort during English and Maths testing. Well done to all Year 5 and 6 pupils!



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

