



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

Where does the term go? It doesn't seem that long ago since we returned to school after the summer holidays and today we find ourselves with two weeks to go until we break up for Christmas. Preparations for Christmas are well underway in school and we are really looking forward to a busy festive fortnight ahead!

Today we held the Friends of the School Christmas Fair which took place in the school hall. The event was a huge success and a big 'thank you' to all those who came to support it. I hope you really enjoyed the cake stalls, tombola, raffles, prizes, games and the traditional opportunity to visit Santa; not to mention the brilliant stalls ran by classes as part of the Virgin Money Enterprise initiative. As the fair has just taken place we don't have an overall total raised at the moment, but we'll let you know in next week's newsletter. Finally, a very big thank you to the Friends of the School and Mrs Campbell/Mr Reed in the School Office for organising and preparing for the event.

Children throughout school have been working hard this week practicing for the Christmas performances. By now everyone has been allocated at least two tickets if they have requested them. Any remaining tickets will be distributed before next Wednesday. If you need tickets and have not informed us, please call into the school office on Monday to ensure you receive them. Key Stage 1/2 performances will start promptly on Wednesday at 1.45pm and 6pm; whilst Reception/Nursery will begin at 1.30pm on Friday. Before each performance we will be selling raffle tickets to win a selection of prizes that will be drawn at the end of each performance. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to support the Christmas parties in school. Finally, for the Key Stage 1/2 evening performance, could we please request that children come back to school to the main entrance for 5.30pm on Wednesday, giving staff time to organise costumes and props for children. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

On Thursday afternoon next week we are visiting Durham Gala Theatre for the Christmas pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk. Can I thank you all for your payments for this event. The performance starts at 1.30pm, so it is very important we make a prompt departure from school at 12.15pm. Children will have an early lunch in school before boarding the coaches to the theatre. Can I please request children wear school uniform and most importantly, have a coat with them. There is no need for children to bring drinks/sweets for the pantomime as refreshments will be provided by the school. The pantomime will finish at around 4pm, so we hope to be back at school for as close to 5pm 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!



### Facebook Goes Live Across the School

In response to parental feedback in the summer term regarding school social media, it was found that a school Facebook page would be positively received by parents and the community. Some of you may already have seen the Facebook page and the content which has been added for the Year 6 class that we have been trialling in school over the last month. Due to the positive response to the content from Year 6's, I'm delighted to announce a whole-school rollout of our official school Facebook page in time to capture our range of Christmas events and activities.

This week you will have been sent a new 'School Photographic Use' permission form which now includes permission for images to be used on social media. Please complete this form and return to school as soon as possible so we can update our records for photographic permissions in line with our new policy, enabling your child's image to be used on our social media page. Please note that at no point will children be named or 'tagged' in photos on Facebook.

You can find our new page by searching for '**Howden le Wear Primary School**' in the Facebook search bar. Please 'Like' the page in order to receive notifications and updates.



### 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



Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to congratulate **Joseph Waggott** for being kind and sharing with friends. Mrs Wheatley is very proud of you Joseph!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Alfie Smith** for creating a fantastic repeating pattern on his advent calendar. Great work Alfie!

#### Miss Hutchinson's Year 1 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like to say a huge well done to **Macie Adamson** for always caring for others and helping both adults and children in class. Great work Macie!

#### Ms Simons' Year 2 Class



Ms Simons would like a special mention this week for **Elizabeth Ritchie** for working really hard to improve her handwriting in all her work. Well done Elizabeth!

#### Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted this week with **Lewis Wood** for always doing his best and always behaving brilliantly. He is a superstar! Keep up the good work Lewis!

#### Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Kian Pigg** for putting 100% effort into all his work and challenging himself to improve and get better. Well done Kian!

#### Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Carla Kershaw** for brilliant work in all aspects of the class 'pasty making' as part of the Virgin Money initiative. Well done Carla!



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

