



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

The new term is now well underway and I am very pleased that all of our children are settled into their learning. As I walk around school it is lovely to see children focused on their work and engaged in their activities. I am also very pleased with the wonderful manners shown by our children since we returned to school. Daily examples of children holding doors open for adults, saying 'Please', 'Thank you' and 'You're welcome' all contribute to a successful and happy school community.

Attached to today's newsletter is a new home/school agreement that I would be grateful if you could read through with your child and, if you agree with the content, sign and return to school next week. The home/school agreement is a statement explaining:

- the school's aims and values;
- the school's responsibilities towards its pupils who are of compulsory school age;
- the responsibility of each pupil's parents; and what the school expects of its pupils.

Under guidance issued by the Department for Education, schools are free to publish a home/school agreement and can take reasonable steps to ensure that registered parents of pupils sign the parental declaration to indicate that they understand and accept the contents of the home-school agreement. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the home/school agreement with me, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

This week children have been voting on our new School Council members for the academic year. The process began with nominations in each class, where children put themselves forward to take on the role. This followed with children addressing their class and explaining to them why they would like to be a School Council member and outlining the skills and qualities they have to be successful in the job. The class then voted on who they would like to see as School Council representative. The votes were counted for each year group and the following children have been voted as School Council members for 2016-17. They are:

Reception Class - Sophia Clarke

Year 1 - Rhyannon Stothard

Year 2 - Tyler Bennett

Year 3 - Holly Featonby

Year 4 - Rachel Jones

Year 5 - Matthew Lawrence

Year 6 - Harry Thompson and Ella Cooke



The School Council will act as the main pupil voice of the school. Miss Hutchinson will be leading School Council this year and will organise regular meetings to discuss issues that the children want to raise. Please encourage your child to know the name of their class School Council member and for children to talk to them about issues they would like raising at our meetings. The School Council will also aim to write a regular report on their activities for our school newsletter to keep everyone up to date.

Finally, for Year 6 parents we have a meeting organised for next Thursday after school at 3.15pm to discuss Key Stage 2 testing that will take place for Year 6 pupils in May 2017. We will go through the testing process, make you aware of key dates and answer any questions you may have.

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!



Sports Leaders and Playtime Buddies Announced

Since returning to school after the holidays children have been applying to become one of our school Sports Leaders or a Playground Buddy. Both roles hold responsibility for supporting and helping children across school during playtimes, lunchtimes as well as during lessons. Thank you to all those who applied. Below is a photo and list of the successful applicants.
(from left to right)

Sports Leaders



Layla Harrison, Connor Vint, Brodie-Anne Luke, Kieran Howarth, Kc Palmer, Matthew Smith, Kian Pigg, Matthew Lawrence, Seth Beasley, Brandon Lee McGuinness

Playground Buddies



Lillie Allport, Reece Pattison, Grace Genner, Dominic Treend, Sophie Howe, Carla Kershaw, Chloe Demeyre, Connor Driscoll, Georgia Hope, Rhys Wilson, Kai Robson, Lucy Johnson.

Early Years Notices

Nursery Pick Up - Mrs Wheatley kindly requests that parents/carers of Nursery children are on time to collect their children. This is particularly important at the end of a morning session, as there is only a 30 minute turn around between morning and afternoon sessions. Thank you.

Christmas Performance - Nursery and Reception will be performing their own Christmas Performance again this year, which will take place on the afternoon of **Friday 9th December**. More information will be provided in due course, but you may need to book time off work well in advance to attend.

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 **Eva Crosby** for fantastic independent mark making. Well done Eva! Mrs Wheatley is so proud you can write your own name.

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Dylan Robson** and **Finnlay Winter** for sharing and great team work when exploring music in the outdoor environment. Well done Dylan and Finnlay!

Miss Hutchinson's Year 1 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like to say a huge well done to **Macie Beasley** for trying her best and working really hard in both English and Maths lessons throughout this week. Great work Macie!

Ms Simons' Year 2 Class



Ms Simons would like a special mention this week for **Abigail White** for making a brilliant start since joining our school on Wednesday. Great work Abigail!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted this week with **Megan Johnson** for all round great effort in all her lessons and particularly fantastic writing this week. Well done Megan!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Matthew Lawrence** for excellent contribution to class discussions in all subjects. Great work Matthew!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Carla Kershaw** for an excellent description of a setting in Literacy. Great work Carla!



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

