



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

I have spent time this week in classrooms looking at all the fantastic learning that has been taking place. I have been delighted to see children across the whole school engaged and involved in all of their lessons, asking really good questions and working very hard for themselves and their teachers. There is a very positive working atmosphere in all of our classes which can only help to improve outcomes for pupils and ensure they get the most out of each day in school.

I have also had lots of children visiting my office for awards and congratulations on their wonderful efforts in school. Daily examples of fabulous homework, children getting 100% in their Accelerated Reader quizzes, moving up a level on the Lexia programme and children showing a great attitude and effort in school all contribute to a very positive learning environment. Well done to all our children!

Our celebration of European Day of Languages on Monday proved a huge success with the whole school learning about the country of Spain. Mrs Salkeld led art/craft activities based around the work of the artist Picasso. Mrs Clark was teaching children aspects of the Spanish language. Mr Clarke explored other countries outside of Spain that speak Spanish around the world; whilst Ms Simons/Miss Hutchinson discovered different foods that could be eaten in Spain and explored Spanish music. Mrs Craig, Mrs Hardy and Mrs Wheatley in Reception and Nursery also took part in the celebrations on Monday combining a selection of art and craft activities with learning about Spain. Below are a selection of photographs that illustrate some of the great activities that took place.



Thank you to all those who attended today's McMillan Cancer Support Coffee Afternoon in school. As the newsletter is produced on a Friday morning, I can't let you know how many people attended or the amount of money we raised, however for those that did take part I hope you enjoyed the lovely range of cakes that were available and the opportunity to see children taking part in our weekly celebration assembly. I will let you know the total amount raised next week!

Finally next Wednesday is our Autumn Term Parents Consultation Evening in school. Thank you to those who have returned their completed forms to request an appointment. You may have already received a reply with your allocated time; if not it will be provided for you early next week. If you haven't had chance to book an appointment please take the time to do this to find out how your child has settled into the new academic year and how you can further support them to make the best possible progress in school.

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>



Ongoing Parking Issues....

We continue to have ongoing parking issues on and around School Street at busy times during the school day. One such incident this week resulted in one of our neighbours contacting school to make a complaint about inappropriate parking, which they have since referred on to the Police.

Please make a point of parking considerately when dropping children off at school and picking them up at the end of the day; and if at all possible, consider walking to school or parking a little further away to avoid the congestion in the narrow streets surrounding the school.

Thank you for your support with this.

Entering / Leaving School

Could parents and children please avoid accessing school through the car park gates instead of the main pedestrian school entrance. There is always lots of vehicles moving in and around the school car park and it is not intended for pedestrian access.

Thank you.

Children's Safety in Howden le Wear

As the dark nights begin to draw in, it seems timely to remind parents and children about the importance of children being safe when out and about in Howden le Wear after school. In recent years we have received reports of pupils playing out quite a distance from where they live, playing out late at night and riding bikes and scooters through the village with no lights, helmets or paying due care and attention to vehicles travelling through the village.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could speak to your child about the importance of road safety and we, of course, will continue to reinforce these messages in school.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



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 **Thomas Donegan** for following instructions during the Early Years Movement Programme. Well Done Thomas!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Hannah Harris** for doing a wonderful job describing her artwork during colour mixing this week. Great work Hannah!

Miss Hutchinson's Year 1 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like to say a huge well done to **Aydn Mawson** for his positive attitude to work and for his excellent pond dipping skills at Low Barns. Great work Aydn!

Ms Simons' Year 2 Class



Ms Simons would like a special mention this week for **Georgia Thompson** for an excellent all round week in school and being brave. Well done Georgia!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted this week with **Toby Gardiner** for his effort in all areas and the improvement he has made with his handwriting. Well done Toby!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Matthew Smith** for his huge effort and hard work in all his learning this week. Mrs Clark is really proud of you this week Matthew - well done!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Ella Cooke** because of her superb fraction work she has completed throughout the week. Great work Ella!



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

