



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### **Headteacher's Notices**

Next Tuesday 18 October we host our annual Harvest Festival Service at the Methodist Church in the village. Both children and staff have been working very hard preparing for this event and we hope as many parents, carers and family members as possible can attend. The service is due to start at 9.30am and will be led by the children with a mix of songs and explanations about the meaning of Harvest Festival.

Frances Ann Johnson, Chair of Governors, and members of the Methodist Church will be providing light refreshments from 9am before the performance. As always, we will be having a collection in the Church and this year we are collecting for **Kidney Research UK**; to further support Cameron Howe in Year 5 who is awaiting a kidney transplant in the near future. Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to request that parents of children attending morning nursery on Tuesday do so as normal and they will be escorted to and from the Methodist Chapel by staff. All afternoon Nursery children are welcome to attend with parents but will meet us at the Chapel and parents are required to stay throughout.

Tickets have been selling fast for our Halloween Disco on Monday 31 October from 4pm to 5.30pm. Tickets will still be available throughout next week, so if you haven't got one yet there is still time to do so! Tickets cost £2.50 per child which gets them entry to the disco, a hot dog, bag of crisps and a drink. For our younger nursery children, we have suggested one parent may wish to stay in school for the duration of the disco. There is the option for the parent to sit in the hall with their children or alternatively we plan to allocate a classroom where parents can wait for their children away from the loud noise. Should your child need you during the disco then we will direct them to you. Unfortunately children who are not members of our School or Nursery cannot attend the disco. This is so we can account for every person on school premises, pay consideration to the maximum number of people allowed in the hall under fire regulations and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children. I hope all our children enjoy the disco on the first day back at school after the half term holiday.

Also next week, our annual Scholastic Book Fair arrives on Monday. The book fair offers a wide selection of books for children of all ages and as a school we receive a share of the total amount raised to purchase books for our school. The book fair will be open every playtime and after school until Friday. Should you wish to send money for your child to spend in school, please do so in an envelope with your child's name clearly printed on the envelope. Thank you for supporting our school book fair.

Next Friday we are planning a themed breakfast club in school from 8am onwards. Children will have the chance to enjoy toast, yoghurts, fruit and a range of cereals followed by sausages sandwiches or sausage and beans. Please complete the attached form and return it with £1.50 to school by next Wednesday if your child would like to attend.

Mrs Clark would like to let parents/carers of Year 5 children to know that the last Bikeability session will be next Wednesday, not Thursday as in previous weeks and also that after the half term break, Year 5 children will be taking part in swimming lessons at Wolsingham School Swimming Pool every Friday morning until we break up for Christmas.

Finally as a reminder to parents, school breaks up next Friday for half term and children return to school after the week long break on Monday 31 October.

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!



### Christmas Pantomime Performance

This week you will have received a letter regarding our annual Christmas Pantomime visit. This year we have chosen to attend the afternoon performance on Thursday 8 December and the cost of the visit is £8.00 per child.

We would be most grateful if parents/carers could return their completed forms and payment as soon as possible as we have to pay the Gala Theatre for the tickets well in advance.

**Thank you for your support with this event!**

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies to fill in school. If you would like to be involved in supporting the development of our school as a parent governor please let us know in school and we will provide you with all the information you need.

### Christmas Card Designs

Today your child will be bringing home a sample Christmas Card that they have designed especially for you! The cards are professionally made and each card has the child's design on the front and name/year group on the back.

I am sure you will agree that they look great and would make an ideal personalised gift to send to relatives and friends! We are going to be selling these cards in packs of 12 complete with envelopes and there are also gift tags, mugs and coasters available to buy too.

If you would like to order some cards or gifts, please complete the order form attached to the card and return along with payment to the main office by next **Friday 21 October - the last day of this half term.**

Apologies for the quick turn around, however we need to get orders back to the company so they can be delivered to school in November.

### 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 **Rachael Tennick** for her enthusiasm in all her learning this week especially during the writing activities from the story 'Supertato'. Well Done Rachael.

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Evie Bennett** for her fantastic work on our Supertato story, with writing and creative activities linked to the story. Great work Evie!

#### Miss Hutchinson's Year 1 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like to say a huge well done to **Grace Wilkinson** for her outstanding work during every lesson and always trying her best in class. Great work Grace!

#### Ms Simons' Year 2 Class



Ms Simons would like a special mention this week for **Ashton Copping** for brilliant expanded noun phrases when writing about Traction Man. Well done Ashton!

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



Mrs Salkeld is delighted this week with **Autumn Pomfret** for her wonderful poetry writing. Autumn has used some fantastic metaphors and performed her poem for the rest of the class. Well done Autumn!

#### Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Lucy Johnson** for her awesome writing of a myth and great discussion in guided reading. Keep up the hard work Lucy!

#### Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Kieran Howarth** for his fantastic effort in his extended writing pieces. Kieran has produced some fantastic work. Well done Kieran!



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

