



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

We are now at the end of the second week of term and everyone is now back in the routine of school life. As I have walked around school this week and spoken to children, I have been really impressed with their positive attitudes, excellent manners and enthusiasm when telling me about the learning that has been taking place in their classrooms. Our Year 3/4 children are having a wonderful time this term learning all about Rainforests, whilst our Year 1/2 children are hard at work learning about Florence Nightingale and the work she did as a nurse to care for and help people.

We are always keen to share with you opportunities to come in to school to get a flavour of the learning that has been taking place in school and with this in mind we would like to invite parents of children from **Year 1 to Year 6** into school next **Thursday 19 January from 2pm** for a curriculum celebration event. Tea and coffee will be served from 2pm with a short assembly taking place from 2.15pm where teachers and children will talk about the work that has been completed over the last term. Following this, parents will have the chance to have a look at a selection of children's work from each class and talk to some children about what they have been learning. For parents of children in Reception and Nursery, we are holding a similar event in the Reception/Nursery classroom; but this will be in form of a drop in for parents on **Tuesday and Wednesday next week from 3.05pm to 3.30pm**. This is a great opportunity to see our curriculum in action and we look forward to welcoming parents into school next week!

On a sporting theme, this week our swimmers have been in action at an inter school gala which was held on Wednesday morning at Woodhouse Close Swimming Pool. Mrs Clark and Miss Sunter accompanied our children and commented on their excellent sporting attitudes, wonderful behaviour and effort they put into their individual and team swimming events. So a huge well done to **Chloe Demeyre, Layla Harrison, Dominic Treend, Matthew Smith, Georgia Hope, Carla Kersahw, Brandon Lee McGuinness and Kieran Howarth**.



Howden le Wear Swim Team

Also this week we received our trophy from the Association of Physical Education in recognition for us achieving the AfPE Quality Mark with Distinction. The trophy will now take pride of place in our main entrance. Look out for a newspaper report in The Weardale Gazette in the coming weeks about our achievements!



Pupils with our Quality Mark

Our After School Clubs for this half term have been very well received with the majority of clubs being full from the first week back in school. Two Wheeler Club for Year 5/6 pupils on Tuesday sees children developing their cycling/scooter skills in the safe confines of the playground; whilst on Wednesday our cluster PE focus this half term is Multiskills, with the after school club focusing on children learning skills for games, gymnastics and dance. Should you wish your child to take part in an after school club, please see Mrs Campbell in the school office to check availability of each club.

Finally, you will have noticed this week that the weather has taken a turn for the worse with temperatures dropping and forecasts of snow across the region. We have been very fortunate in recent years to not have school disrupted because of adverse weather; however when it is forecast, it is important everyone is aware of the systems we have in place to keep parents and families informed. Should we experience adverse weather in the coming weeks/months, school will contact parents through the Text 2 Parents service and updates will be posted on the school website. We will endeavour to inform parents as early in the day as possible if school is to be affected and would appreciate if parents could support one another by passing these messages around when they are received.

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!



Swimming Organisation For The Remainder Of The Term

Next Friday 20 January is the last swimming session for Year 5 pupils.

On Friday 27 January, Year 3/4 pupils will start swimming until the Easter holidays. If your child is in Year 3/4, please ensure they have swimming trunks/costume and swim hat for a week on Friday.

Thank you for your support with this.



Administration

Wrapping Up For Winter - Can parents please ensure children are well wrapped up with coats, hats, scarves and gloves during this very cold season of the year. Some children have been asking if they could borrow hats, scarves etc from school as they have not brought any themselves. We have a few of these items in school; but we quickly run out if lots of children need to borrow them. Thank you.

Savings Scheme Reminder - With the New Year, I would like to remind parents that we do run a savings scheme for all events that are taking place in school. With educational visits, uniform etc to pay for; why not consider paying a regular amount to build credit that can be used against any costs incurred in school? Should you wish to find out more or make a deposit into the savings scheme, please see Mrs Campbell in the school office.

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 **Jacob Pigg** for his fantastic use of language to recall and relive his past experiences. Well done Jacob!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Freya Colling** for joining in enthusiastically with this week's 'airplane' role play. Keep up the hard work Freya!

Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Abi Rose Gardiner** for her brilliant working knowing the difference between fiction and non-fiction books by being able to sort them. Well done Abi Rose!

Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention this week for **Hayden James McGuinness** for always trying his best in all his work and for always helping others. Great work Hayden James!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted this week with **Fearné Abbott** for always giving her best in all subject areas and being an excellent role model to others. Well done Fearné!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Brandon-Lee McGuinness** for always working really hard in class, particularly in Maths where his work has been amazing! Well done Brandon Lee!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Max Pomfret** for the brilliant progress he has made on Accelerated Reader, reading lots of books and scoring highly on his reading quizzes. Great work Max!



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

