



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

January always seems to be such a long month. I can't believe that we have been back at school now for four weeks and we are just approaching the last few days of January! At least the weather hasn't been as bad as we have had in recent years. However, there is nothing to say the weather won't deteriorate further throughout February; so if the weather does suddenly take a turn for the worst, the most up to date information on how this may affect school can be found on our school website at the online address below. We will also use the Teachers 2 Parents facility to keep parents informed. Could I also remind parents/carers of the need to send children to school in appropriate clothing for the conditions. It has been very cold, wet and windy outside this week and coats, hats and scarves are essential at this time of year. Thank you for your support with this.

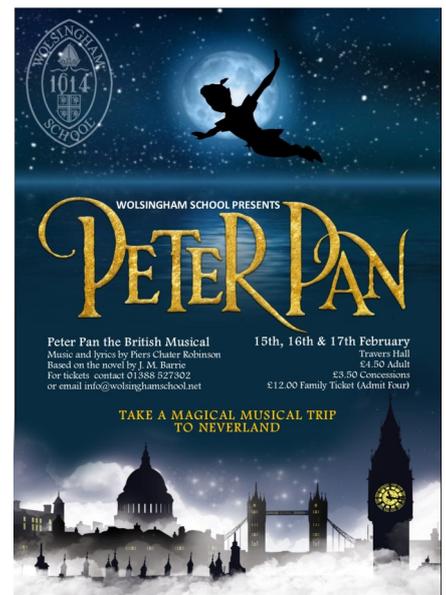
In recent weeks we have had a number of parents asking if their children are able to walk unaccompanied at the start and end of the school day. Our school policy guidance states that children below Year 4 are required to be collected by a responsible adult over the age of 16 years old. I am however, also aware that there are no laws or statutory guidance we need to follow as a school in regard to this. To make this transparent and clear for all and so we are fully aware who can and cannot walk to and from school unaccompanied; we have a 'walk to school' consent form that is available from the school office that we request parents complete if they wish their child/children to walk to and from school by themselves. Please see Mrs Campbell in the school office for a form. Could I also clarify that if a child is leaving school at any point during the school day, say for a dental appointment, they must be collected and signed out of school by an adult. Children will not be allowed to leave school alone during the day.

I mentioned last week our success in winning the AGP Grass competition to receive an Early Years artificial grass makeover. We have heard this week that the installation of the grass will take place from Monday 30th January next week and will take 3 to 4 days to complete. To accommodate this work could we please request that Nursery children are dropped off and collected via the Reception class entrance on the school playground. The usual Nursery entrance will not be accessible during the work and half of the Early Years outdoor area will be cordoned off. There will also be a skip located close to the Early Years area along with bags of sand/gravel that are needed for the installation. Could parents, particularly at the end of the school day, please ensure children stay with them as they leave school to ensure their continued safety.

I have been asked by Wolsingham School to publicise their up and coming theatrical production of Peter Pan that is taking place at the school on the 15th, 16th and 17th February. Ticket prices are £4.50 for adults, £3.50 concessions or £12 for a family ticket to admit four people. I am sure this will be a great show to see, so do try and attend if you can.

Finally, on Monday we welcome a Newcastle University teaching student Mr Ismay into school to work in Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 class as part of his PGCE course. Mr Ismay will be working in class, teaching lessons and supporting the learning of our Year 3/4 pupils until the end of March.

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!



Teaching Children To Tell The Time

As part of our ongoing assessment work in maths, one of our school targets is to ensure children across school learn to tell the time. From our teaching, we are finding that lots of children are able to read the time from a digital clock that you might find, say on a mobile phone; but are not so sure when it comes to reading a more traditional analogue clock or when using the 24 hour clock.

We all know that telling the time is very much a life skill and it would be greatly appreciated if you could complement the work taking place in school by helping your child to learn to tell the time. Below are a selection of websites that we think have a good range of resources that parents/carers could use to support their child/ren with this:

www.teachingtime.co.uk

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/measures.htm>

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/maths/mathsE2.htm>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/shape_space/time/play/



Thank you for your support with this!

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 **Daniel Galvin** for his fantastic self help skills for getting himself dressed for Multi Skills. Well done Daniel!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Bethany Spindley** for her fantastic PE work in Multi Skills and gymnastics. Great work Bethany!

Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Rhyannon Stothard** for using great describing words in literacy this week. Well done Rhyannon!

Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention this week for **Elizabeth Ritchie** for always trying her best in her work and for taking care to ensure her handwriting is beautiful. Great work Elizabeth!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted this week with **Brendan James Peacock** for getting fully involved in all his lessons and contributing well in class. Great work Brendan James!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Reece Pattison** for showing a brilliant attitude to learning throughout the week. Keep up the hard work Reece!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Connor Driscoll** for a fantastic attitude towards meeting his targets and working hard to learn his times tables. Well done Connor!



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

