



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

As the second half of the spring term gathers momentum, so the number of events involving parents and children increases. Below are all the things you need to know for the coming weeks...

On Monday next week we welcome the Scholastic Book Fair into school. The book fair will be open every day at morning playtime and after school from 3.05pm offering a range of books for all ages from £2.99. Children can also use their World Book Day vouchers given out last week to gain £1.00 off the price of a book. As well as books, the fair sells a range of stationary, posters and accessories such as bags and bookmarks. The more money we raise at the book fair, the more free books we receive for school that go directly back into our school and class libraries, for children to enjoy. Thank you for supporting our book fair next week.

Thank you also to the many parents who have organised an appointment for Parents Evening on Wednesday. This term we have tried to space out appointments at 10 minute intervals and in certain classes, spread the event over two evenings. This is to ensure all parents are seen as close to their allocated appointment time as possible. Tea and coffee will be available throughout in the school hall and children are welcome to wait in the hall with our support staff whilst parents visit their child's class teacher. If you haven't booked an appointment please see our school office staff who will be happy to organise this for you.

Tuesday afternoon next week sees our school hosting a Local Councillor Roadshow from 2.30pm until around 4pm. In attendance will be Durham County Councillors for Crook and Howden; Andrea Patterson, Maureen Stanton and Eddie Tomlinson. The event is intended as an opportunity for you to meet with your local councillors to discuss any issues that matter to you as community members. Tea and coffee will be served throughout and this informal session will provide face to face contact with councillors. So please pop into school either before or after you have picked your child/ren up on Tuesday, have a cup of tea and to meet your local councillors.

In two weeks' time on **Friday 24 March** it will be Comic Relief Day 2017! We have lots of exciting things planned in school to celebrate and raise money for this valuable cause – more information in next week's newsletter. However, to get things started we now have on sale official Red Noses that are available for £1.00 from the school office. This year there are 10 different character Red Noses to collect along with a special 'ultra rare' Red Nose! If you would like to purchase one or maybe more, please send money to school with your child or visit the school office. Be sure to get them quick before they all sell out!!

Finally, many thanks to all those parents who have returned their request to attend our Mother's Day Lunch on Thursday 23 March. With children included, our kitchen will have to prepare and serve over 220 meals on the day - the most we have had to make for any event in school!! To prepare so many meals takes careful planning and knowing the number of attendees two weeks in advance really helps this process, so thank you for promptly telling us if you plan to attend. As in previous years we plan to have a staggered service and final details about the organisation for Mother's Day lunch will be published in next week's newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mr C Baines,  
Headteacher

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24 March 2017



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>

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### Easter Journey Visit to St Catherine's Church, Crook.

Thursday this week saw our Year 5 children visit St Catherine's Church in Crook to learn about the Easter Story. This interactive, informative visit was hosted by Phillip Mason and parishioners from Crook and Howden. Children made their way through a series of tents in the church and were fully involved in activities as the story unfolded. This really helped to reinforce children's understanding of the Easter Story and feedback from children was very positive. Thank you to all in the Crook/Howden parish that made this possible and below are some photos from the event.



### Clothes Recycle Bank Raises Money for School

Our clothes/shoe recycling bank located at the front of the school car park has proven very popular over the last six months with **£148.20** being raised for school funds that has accumulated from the weight of clothes and shoes that have been put in by members of school and the local community. Thank you to everyone for their clothes and shoe donations on behalf of the Salvation Army who run the clothes bank. Now may be a great time to have a spring clear out and if you have any unwanted clothes or shoes that are still useable, please tie them in a bag and pop them in our school recycling bank.

**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 **Georgia Cottrell** for her fantastic written recipe descriptions whilst working in our mud kitchen. Great work Georgia!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Faith Dunn** for great work investigating soil, digging using tools and creating recipes in the mud kitchen. Well done Faith!

#### Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Grace Wilkinson** for good listening in class, sharing and really trying her best in all her lessons. Well done Grace!

#### Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention for **Chloe Underwood** for excellent problem solving in Numeracy. Chloe is working really hard and Miss Hutchinson is really proud of her.

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



Mrs Salkeld is delighted this week with **Lillie Allport** for her fantastic persuasive writing. Well done Lillie!

#### Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Dominic Treend** for excellent netball skills and always showing great teamwork and perseverance. Well done Dominic!

#### Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Max Pomfret** for working hard in class and in his booster sessions to improve his learning in English and Maths. Great work Max!



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

