



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

This week has been full of exciting activities in school linked to Red Nose Day and our annual Mother's Day meal - more information about these later!

I would however like to start this week by addressing the issue of school uniform. In school we pride ourselves on having a clear uniform policy that outlines how children should be dressed for school. A school uniform provides consistency for all children in their appearance, ensures that expensive clothing items that could be worn for school are not damaged during the school working day and clearly identifies which school a child belongs to. Of late however, I have noticed a number of children not wearing the correct uniform; for example, colourful trainers being worn instead of black shoes/trainers as outlined in our uniform policy. At this mid year point I can fully appreciate that uniform bought for the start of the academic year may be showing signs of wear and tear, but it would be greatly appreciated if parents could check their child's uniform to ensure it conforms with our policy. Coupled with this, fashion accessories have been creeping into school; such as items of jewellery and stick on tattoos clearly visible on forearms and hands. Again, the only item of jewellery that is allowed is a wrist watch. Many thanks for your support with this. Full details of our school policies can be found on our school website at the address below.

On to this week and thank you to all those mums and grandparents who attended our Mother's Day Meal in school on Thursday. Our lunchtime staff excelled themselves with over 220 meals being produced and served over lunchtime. I am delighted that the staggered arrival system worked well and ensured a smooth service with guests not having to wait for very long to enjoy lunch with their families. My thanks to Mrs Longstaff, Mrs Thompson and Taylor Shaw catering staff in the school kitchen who prepared such a fantastic meal; to Mrs Campbell and Mr Reed in the school office for organising the gifts for mums and grandmothers and to children, parents and staff for supporting the event. Photographs of the day can be found overleaf and we wish you all a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday!

Red Nose Day which we celebrated in school today also raised some smiles with our special breakfast club from 8am, non uniform day and children having the chance to buy a cake at playtime. I know from speaking to children that they are very much looking forward to the Comic Relief Television Extravaganza on TV tonight and thank you to everyone for their donations. We don't have a grand total raised as yet, but will let you know in next week's newsletter.

Speaking of money raised, our Scholastic Book Fair took £432.00 in sales last week which means we receive **£172 in commission** for free books that will be go into our school and class libraries for children to read. Thank you for supporting our school book fair last week.

With only two weeks to go until the Easter holidays, the term is moving on at pace. We are holding an Easter raffle in school with a range of Easter goodies and hampers to win. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle please send donations to Mrs Campbell in the school office. Raffle tickets are attached and sold at 50p per strip. Please return counterfoils to the school office. Also, the Friends of the School are holding an Easter Bonnet Competition. Easter Bonnets are to be made at home and can be brought into school from Thursday 6 April, with judging taking place on Friday 7 April, the last day of term. Everyone who enters receives a Cadbury's Creme Egg and there are also prizes for the best judged bonnets. Finally our whole school Easter service is due to take place on Tuesday 4 April at 9.30am in Howden le Wear Methodist Chapel. All are welcome!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Baines,
Headteacher



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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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Mother's Day Lunch - Thursday 23rd March 2017



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 **Finley Jackson** for fantastic sharing and taking turn in the outdoor area on the bikes. Well done Finley!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig and Mrs Hardy have this week nominated **Kai Scott-Peyrefitte** for writing his own name independently. Great work Kai!

Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Brogan-Leigh Dowson** for brilliant partitioning in maths lessons this week. Well done Brogan-Leigh.

Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention for **Jenson Richardson** for excellent effort and enthusiasm with his reading. Well done Jenson!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted with **Toby Gardiner** for making brilliant progress with his swimming and water confidence this term. Well done Toby!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Kian Fairest** for being a really great classmate and always supporting others. Great work Kian!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week again for **Kc Palmer** for an excellent week in school and helping out brilliantly at the Mother's Day meal. Well done Kc!



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

