



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

This week has been a lovely one in school with children being busy with a variety of sporting activities and educational visits that have taken place. Along with this we have been preparing for our Easter Service next week; as well as all children working hard to complete their curriculum work in class.

Next Tuesday sees our annual Easter Service at the Methodist Chapel in the village. All children are involved and we aim to start at 9.30am. All are welcome and no ticket is required for entry. Following the performance our collection this year will be in aid of Howden le Wear Community Planting initiative where we will use the money raised to buy and plant bulbs and flowers in our village. Also, a selection of light refreshments will be served by the Methodist Chapel both before and after the event. Thank you to Frances Ann Johnson, our Chair of Governors and member of the Methodist Chapel for helping to organise this.

We have our Easter Raffle running throughout next week with the draw taking place on Friday afternoon in whole school assembly. Thank you to those who have already returned their sold tickets that were attached to last week's newsletter. If you haven't returned yours yet, there is still time to do so to be included in the draw. Prizes include hampers and Easter goodies. Any other further Easter prize donations would also be greatly appreciated to add to the great selection of prizes we already have.

Next Friday we have organised our annual 'Egg Jarping' Competition in school. We have ran this competition for the last six years and from speaking to children, they really like taking part in it, so we are keen to run it again this year.

Egg-jarping is a competitive sport similar to conkers, but using hard-boiled eggs instead of the nuts from a horse-chestnut tree. The game is played between pairs of competitors who repeatedly knock the pointed ends of their eggs together until one of the eggs cracks; the overall winner is the one whose egg succeeds in breaking the greatest number of other eggs. The world egg-jarping championships have been held each Easter Sunday at Peterlee Cricket And Social Club County Durham, England, since 1983.

We would like children to bring to school on Friday a painted / dyed hard boiled chicken's egg to take part in the competition. Mrs Campbell also stipulates that under no circumstances should eggs be varnished!! Heats will take place throughout the morning with the finals taking place during our final assembly of the term on Friday afternoon. We would also like Nursery children to bring a hard boiled egg on Friday and Mrs Wheatley will organise a morning and afternoon Nursery competition.

Also on Friday we will be judging the Easter Bonnet competition as advertised in last week's newsletter. Children from all classes are encouraged to design their own Easter bonnet at home to bring into school on Friday morning. We plan to have tables in the hall for each class so that everyone can see the fantastic range of bonnets on display and everyone who enters receives a Cadbury's Creme Egg!

Finally, just a reminder that school closes for the Easter holidays on Friday next week and reopens for children on Monday 24 April at 8.45am.

We look forward to seeing you at next week's Easter events and 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>

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Comic Relief Total

Thank you to everyone who involved themselves in our Comic Relief fundraising event last Friday. Everyone in school had a great time and from the non-uniform day, cake sale and special breakfast club we managed to raise a grand total of **£170.00**.



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Friday 24 March



Thank you for supporting this event.

After School Clubs - Next Half Term

The after school club opportunities for children for the next half term are attached to today's newsletter.

There will only be a limited number of after school clubs for the next half term due to booster work and preparations for formal testing which take place across school throughout the month of May. Coupled with this, as Easter is so late this year, the first half of the summer term is quite short - only 5 weeks in length.

If you would like your child to take part in an after school club, please return the form to school by **Friday 7 April**.



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 **Noah Brannan** for fantastic imagination when working alongside his friends in the construction area./ Great work Noah!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Imogen Seaton** for her brilliant art skills to produce a lovely still life fruit bowl painting. Well done Imogen!

Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Macy Beasley** for being such a good role model in her positive attitude towards school and for super singing. Well done Macy!

Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention for **Elizabeth Ritchie** for amazing singing in Easter rehearsals and saying her words loud and clear. Great work Elizabeth!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted with **Mica Rouse** for her improved recorder playing and fabulous singing in preparation for the Easter Service. Well done Mica!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Reece Pattison** for being really supportive of his classmates and having a positive attitude in school. Good work Reece!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Carla Kershaw** for excellent preparation and great results in her practise SATs



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

