



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Today is the last day of term and the last day of the academic year. It is a very important day as it is the start of a period of change for many in our school community. Teachers and support staff are busy preparing for the changes the new academic year will bring, whilst many children in school prepare to change classroom or class teacher when they move to a new year group after the summer break.

However, our Year 6 children face the biggest change of all, as they prepare for the challenges that await at their new secondary school in September. I am sure they will all approach these challenges in a positive way; embracing the opportunities they are given and making the most of them. The Year 6 pupils of 2016/17 have been a credit to themselves, their parents and the school. They are a very good example of what can be achieved with hard work, determination and a desire to succeed. All of our Year 6 children are very much ready for the next stage of their education and are equipped with skills and qualities which they will need to succeed in their new settings. The foundation stones are laid and it is their opportunity to build on them in the weeks, months and years to come.

I must congratulate our Year 6 on two things. Firstly, staff in school cannot express how proud we are of the children for their fabulous SAT results in maths, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation this year. Every child achieved the very best they could and for that, we could ask no more. Secondly, I would like to congratulate children on their Leavers' Performance this afternoon. There are certainly some talented children in this year group with lots of skills on show. Thank you also to the Year 6 mums, dads and family members who attended too. I hope you enjoyed spending the last afternoon of term with your child in school.

Thank you to all those who attended our Summer Fair last week. A great afternoon was had by all and we raised a fantastic total of **£663.30**. Thanks to everyone who supported the event; we will let you know after the summer holidays what the money will be spent on to benefit children in school. Also, last Friday we held a non-uniform day in aid of the Bradley Lowery Foundation. Children brought in donations and **£119.00** was raised which will be sent to the Bradley Lowery Foundation. Again, thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Today we say goodbye to three members of staff in school. Mr Clarke, Year 6 teacher; Miss Knaggs, Year 1/2 teacher and Mrs Hardy, Teaching Assistant, leave us today. I would like to say thank you on behalf of myself, staff, children and governors to these members of staff for their hard work and commitment during their time at Howden le Wear Primary School. Everyone in school wishes them well for the future.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last academic year. It has been a very successful year for the school and we look forward to building on these successes next year. School re-opens for children on **Tuesday 5 September at 8.45am**.

Wishing you and your family a safe and happy holiday.

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!



Congratulations to Miss Hutchinson

We are delighted to announce that Miss Hutchinson, our Year 2 teacher, is getting married over the summer and will return to school in September as Mrs Gray.



We hope that Miss Hutchinson and her husband Peter have a lovely day with their friends and family.

Dinner Money Request

Please could parents ensure that dinner money is paid each Monday from the start of the new academic year. This helps with administration but also avoids building up unnecessary dinner money debt. Please also be reminded that the cost of a school meal is **£2.00 per day or £10.00 per week**. For the first week back the total is **£8.00** for the four days children are in school.

Castle Points Winner Announced!

Last Friday, **Durham Castle Team** was announced as the winner of this term's Castle Shield with a fantastic total of **2068 Castle Points** awarded to members of the team throughout the term. It was almost too close to call in the final week, with Durham Castle Team winning by a small margin! The members of the winning team received a special treat in school on Thursday afternoon and will have their team name added to the Castle Points Shield. Well done to all children in school for the Castle Points they have earned this term.

It is back to '0' points for everyone in September and the winning team for the Autumn term will be announced shortly before Christmas.

Children's Achievements In School

As this is the last week of term, staff in school would like to congratulate all children from Nursery to Year 6 on their fantastic efforts this year. It has been a wonderful year in school and all the staff look forward to working with you again in September.



Uniform Reminder to Parents

It always amazes me how shortly after the start of the summer holidays that we see adverts promoting 'Back to School' clothing and equipment. You may have even started thinking about this for September already!

Can I please remind parents/carers that when buying school uniform, you consider our school uniform policy. Information about this can be found on our school website, but I would particularly like to remind everyone about appropriate footwear. Black school shoes or trainers are acceptable; however trainers with elaborate colours and stripes are not. Also, children require a full PE kit in school from the first day we return on Tuesday 5 September.

Thank you for your support with this.

Breakfast Club 2017-18

When we return after the summer holidays, the price of Breakfast Club will rise to **£2.00 per child, per day**. For over three years, our breakfast club price has been set at £1.50; however due a variety of factors, including rising food costs, governors feel that this rise is necessary to support the long term sustainability of our breakfast club. We hope this price rise does not deter families from using the facility, which we feel still represents good value for money given the range of hot and cold food choices coupled with an hour's childcare. Breakfast club will start for the new term on the first day back, **Tuesday 5 September at 8am**.

Star of the Week for Nursery

I have received a special request from Nursery parents who would like to nominate Mrs Wheatley and all the Nursery staff for their love and constant hard work for Nursery children during their time in the setting. It has been very much appreciated by all parents as children are about to move on to Reception. Many thanks and enjoy your well deserved break - we will miss you!



100% Attendance Celebration

This week we are celebrating the children throughout school who have had 100% attendance for the Summer term and the whole academic year. Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting the school in promoting good attendance and punctuality! Our overall attendance percentage for this academic year is 96.3% - Well done to you all!

Please help your child to have a good attendance.
Children who lose time from school do not do as well as children with good attendance.

Nursery

Lexi Gardiner
Ronnie Cass
Hugo Morton
Thomas Donegan
Daniel Galvin

Reception

Riley Young
Lucy Stott
Jasmine Little
Charlotte Kerse
Freya Colling
Bobbi J Clarke

Year 1

Finley Abbott
Harley Bailey
Macy Beasley
Brogan-Leigh Dowson
Abi-Rose Gardiner
Adyn Mawson
Aaron Plews

Year 2

Noah Andrews
Indie Ash
Alisis Mekatoa
Bruce Pomfret
Alexander Manson
Abigail White

Year 3/4

Teegan Adamson
Chloe Demeyre
Robyn Donegan
Cameron Kell
Ben Plews
Autumn Pomfret
Ryan Wheatley

Year 5

Lucy Johnson
Thomas Kershaw
Charlie Latcham
Reece Pattison
Kian Pigg
Matthew Smith

Year 6

Connor Driscoll
Kieran Howarth
Kia Johnson
Brodie Anne Luke
Kc Palmer
Harry Thompson

100% Attendance All Year!

The following children have not missed one day of school this year and have 100% attendance.

Thomas Kershaw - Year 5
Jasmine Little - Reception
Aaron Plews - Year 1
Lucy Stott - Reception