



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Welcome back to school after the Easter break. We have a busy term in store with lots to look forward to including educational visits for all classes; visitors in school to support our curriculum work and a 'Fun and Fitness' week planned for late June - more about this in future newsletters!

At the start of this new term our attention in school begins to focus on assessment testing that identifies the progress children have made across the academic year in their core learning of English and Maths. Our Year 6 pupils are deep in preparation for Key Stage 2 national testing which begins on Monday 8 May; whilst children in Year 2 will have tests administered in the last few weeks of May before we break for the half term holiday. Other year groups will be tested over the coming weeks using optional tests in reading; spelling punctuation and grammar and maths. These tests are nothing for children to worry about and will not take long for them to complete; with all of the questions in the tests covering learning that has taken place in class across the year. Formal testing also helps teachers to back up their teacher assessments judgements that have been made so that accurate annual reports can be written that clearly identify the next steps for learning in each subject. Good luck to all children in their tests over the coming weeks and should you require any further information on the testing process in school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you to all those parents, grandparents and community members who have been collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers for our school. Sainsbury's will stop giving vouchers out on 2nd May and we then have a few weeks to collect and count all our vouchers. We would be grateful if you please check at home, in purses, wallets and handbags for any Active Kids vouchers you may have and send them into school. Every voucher counts towards the school total which provides extra PE equipment and resources for children in all classes. Thank you for your support with this.

With today's newsletter your child is also bringing home their curriculum coverage sheet for the next half term. The sheet outlines what your child will be learning in school between now and the end of May and gives suggestions and ways in which you can help to support them. This information is also available online at the school website address below. Also being sent home with today's newsletter is an overview of events taking place on a weekly basis at Howden le Wear Methodist Chapel. Please take the time to have a look at this as there maybe some events you may wish to attend.

Finally, the first May Bank Holiday is upon us this weekend and as a result children are not in school on Monday next week. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday morning.

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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Dates for your Diary - Summer Term 2017

Monday 1 May - Bank Holiday. School closed to all children

Monday 8 to Friday 12 May - Testing week in school for Year 5/6 children

Monday 15 to Friday 19 May - Testing week in school for Year 3/4 children

Thursday 25 May - School closes to children for half term at 3.05pm. *Please note: we are closing for half term one day earlier than other schools locally as we have a Professional Development Day for staff on Friday 26 May.*

Monday 5 June - School reopens for children at 8.45am.

Wednesday 14 June - Fathers Day lunch in school for all Dads/Grandads

Monday 26 June to Friday 30 June - 'Fun and Fitness' week in school

Thursday 29 June - Nursery Sports Morning. All parents invited - weather permitting!

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Wednesday 5 July - 9.30am - Reception New Starters Meeting in school

Friday 7 July - Pupil annual reports sent out to parents.

Wednesday 12 July - 'Moving Up' morning for children in school.

Wednesday 12 July - Parents Consultation Evening from 3.15pm to 5.30pm.

Friday 14 July - Friends of the School Summer Fayre.

Friday 21 July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 1.30pm.

Friday 21 July - School closes for summer holidays at 3.05pm

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 **Thomas Mason** for building and talking about his own model museum in the block area. Well done Thomas!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Riley Young** for his fantastic independent construction using Lego and junk modelling materials. Well done Riley!

Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Finley Abbott** who has worked extremely hard to develop a good understanding of plurals and apply this in his writing. Great work Finley!

Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention for **Katie Pratt** for working really hard and developing her reading comprehension skills. Well done Katie!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted with **Lewis Wood** for making an excellent start to the new term and making a big effort to finish all his work in class. Great work Lewis!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Kate Johnson** for her fabulous independent problem solving work in maths this week. Well done Kate - keep up the hard work!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Max Pomfret** for creating a brilliant personification poem in English. Great work Max!



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

