



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

This time of year in schools there is always lots of preparation taking place towards Key Stage 1 and 2 National Testing. Miss Hutchinson in Y2, Mr Clarke in Y6 and all our support staff are working very hard with children to help them achieve their very best in the coming weeks.

As part of our assessment procedures in school, we take the opportunity this time of year to formally test children in Years 3, 4 and 5 in the core areas of reading, spelling, grammar, punctuation and mathematics. The results of these tests are used to back up and support the teacher assessment judgements that staff have been making since the start of the academic year in September and will be reported on your child's annual report which will be sent home in July.

Outlined below for your information are the testing weeks that will be taking place for each of the year groups:

Year 1: Phonic Reading Screening Test will take place from **Monday 12 June**.

Year 2: Testing will take place in the last two weeks of May before the half term holiday.

Year 3/4: children will be tested in reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation and mathematics beginning on **Monday 15 May**.

Year 5: children will be tested in reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation and mathematics throughout week beginning **Monday 8 May**.

Year 6: children will sit their formal KS2 tests in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Maths week beginning **Monday 8 May**.

You can help support your child to do as well as they can by:

- Ensuring they get a good nights sleep. Please ensure your child is in bed for a reasonable time during testing week. Children who are fresh and alert will perform better in their tests.
- Make sure they are not hungry. Ensure children have a good, healthy breakfast that will keep them going until lunchtime. Breakfast Club is available each day in school from 8am.
- Help them to get to school on time. Testing will begin in classes at the start of the school day, so please ensure children are at school in good time.
- Don't get stressed out! Although all tests are important, please encourage children to stay calm, confident and focused so that they can perform well on the day. Children can only try their best. If they do, we can ask no more of them!

Should you require any further information regarding testing in school and specific information about how you can support your child, please take the opportunity to see your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and the very best of luck to our Year 6 children next week in their SATs Tests.

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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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### SATs Breakfast Club for Year 6 Pupils

Just a reminder to all parents of pupils in Year 6 that we are hosting a free breakfast club for all Year 6 pupils from Monday to Thursday next week before children take their SAT tests.

Breakfast Club will take place in Mr Clarke's room from 8am each morning and will offer children a range of healthy breakfast options to ensure energy levels are high and they are ready for the day ahead. Also by attending it will ensure children are in school in good time and as relaxed as possible before sitting their tests. Thank you to Year 6 parents for supporting this.

### Father's Day Lunch In School

We are planning our annual Father's Day lunch in school on Wednesday 14 June. Menus for the day will be sent out in the next few weeks, but we wanted to give dads/grandads plenty of advance notice as they may wish to book time off work to attend.



### Reminder About Bringing Dogs Onto The School Site

In recent weeks we have had a number of incidents where adults and family members have brought their family dog onto the playground after school to collect their child. Coupled with this, last week we had an incident where a parent was bitten by a dog that was on the path outside of the main entrance on School Street.

Could I please remind parents and families that dogs, except guide dogs, are not allowed on the school site at any time and that if you choose to bring a dog to drop off/collect your child; it is under your control at all times.

**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 **Rocco Walton** for fantastic investigation work whilst on a bug hunt in the wildlife garden. Great work Rocco!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Evie Bennett** for great work on homes, rooms and technology in the home. Well done Evie!

#### Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Sam McGow** for super effort in all his learning and completing some amazing maths work this week. Well done Sam!

#### Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention for **Kharis Fairhurst** for her enthusiasm to learning and ensuring that she always goes the extra mile to do her best. Well done Kharis!

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



Mrs Salkeld is delighted with **Fearne Abbott** for her amazing multiplication work in numeracy this week. Well done Fearne!

#### Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Seth Beasley** for excellent work and positive attitude in Maths. Keep up the hard work Seth!

#### Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Kia Johnson** for working hard at her calculation methods in Maths in preparation for SATs. Great work Kia!



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

