



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have had a very busy week in school with children in Year 6 sitting their SAT National Tests. A very well done to all those children involved for their effort, hard work and determination to do the very best they can across the course of this week. Everyone gave 100% and I am sure they will have done themselves and their families proud when the results are published later in the term.

I am sure you will be aware of the latest children's craze that is taking the nation by storm: the 'Fidget Spinner!' Last summer we were all running round chasing Pokemon Go; this year we are spinning pieces of plastic between our thumb and forefinger! Indeed, as the dad of two young boys I am not immune; and have been pestered to death in recent weeks to buy these spinners that seem to come in all colours and shapes.

This week we have seen a huge influx of spinners being brought into school and, as is always the case when a new craze arrives, we have dealt with many incidents of spinners being used during learning time, children using spinners when they have been told to put them away, some children's spinners have gone missing and some children have had their spinners broken. As a result of this, I have decided that from Monday next week fidget spinners will not be allowed in school and any spinners that do make their way into school will be confiscated until the end of the school day. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Our school uniform supplier, Emblematic, has this week informed us that uniform prices are to rise for all their clothing from 1st June 2017; therefore all orders placed before half term can still be purchased at this year's prices. This may be a great time to order next year's school uniform and /or PE kits. If you would like to order uniform, please see Mrs Campbell in the school office.

Next Friday morning we have Tempest Photography in school taking class group photos. These whole class photos have proven popular in recent years, particularly for those children in key year groups (Reception, Year 2, Year 6) as they can be kept for children / families to look back on in the future. Could you please ensure children attend school in full school uniform on Friday and when the proof photographs are developed, parents/carers will have the chance to view and purchase them.

Attached to today's newsletter is an invite for dads/grandads to attend our Father's Day Lunch on Wednesday 14 June. The cost for an adult meal is £2.50. We would be most grateful if adults wishing to attend could complete the slip and return to school as soon as possible so that the right amount of food can be ordered by our kitchen staff before we break up for half term. If we have a sudden rush of people wanting to attend two days before the event, it often proves difficult to ensure there are enough meals to go around. We hope to see as many of you here as possible.

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 web-



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who collected Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers for our school. We have nearly finished counting them all and before half term week we plan to send them off to get our sports equipment for school. If you have any spare vouchers at home, please bring them to school so we can add them to the grand total! Thank you.



Drop Off At School

I have received a number of reports of children continuing to be dropped off for school in the middle of the road on School Street whilst the adult driving remains in the car and then drives off. In one recent incident, a child narrowly avoided injury as the car started to pull away before they had even got onto the path. Please take the time to park your vehicle and walk children into school. **Thank you for your support with this.**

Hats and Sun Cream For The Warmer Weather

As we head towards summer, could we request that when sunny weather is predicted that parents provide their children with their own sunhats and, if possible, sun cream.

Your child's sun cream can be kept in school for them to put on when outdoor learning is planned for. This is particularly important for our younger children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Thank you for your support



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 **Arianne Jones** for following simple instructions to keep herself safe when collecting sticks as part of our Forest Schools work. Well done Arianne!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Thomas Underwood** for his great writing about the Three Little Pigs. Great work Thomas!

Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Grace Wilkinson** for her positive attitude to her learning and for challenging herself to improve in all her work. Well done Grace!

Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention for **Hayden James McGuinness** for challenging himself and always being a good role model. Well done!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted with **Kieran Prest** for his excellent ball skills in PE. Great work Kieran!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Matthew Lawrence** for a caring, helpful attitude to others and excellent teamwork. Well done Matthew!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **all the Year 6 children** for their amazing efforts with this week's Key Stage 2 tests. Well done to you all!



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

