



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

This week I have spent some time in classrooms looking at the learning that has been taking place and talking to teachers about how much progress children have been making. I have been really pleased and impressed with what I have seen. In every classroom children have been engaged, focused and have a genuine desire to try their best to achieve highly. Teachers and teaching assistants are working hard to support and enhance pupils' learning experiences and the quality of work being produced across school is of a high standard. We have also had some visitors from our school Governing Body into school this week who have mirrored these sentiments. Well done to all our children for their continued commitment to giving 100% in school!

Also this week we welcomed a visitor from Wolsingham School who worked with our children in Year 6. Captain Howman runs the very successful Combined Cadet Force (CCF) as an after school activity at Wolsingham and came into school on Wednesday to work with Year 6's in readiness for secondary school, developing independence in preparation for secondary school and to give children a feel for what it is like to join the Combined Cadet Force. All of our children really enjoyed the talk and activities provided by Captain Howman and I know many of them are keen to join the CCF when they move to secondary school in September.



We have already had a great response to our Father's Day Meal that will be taking place in school on Wednesday 14 June. If dads/grandads have not let us know they would like to attend, there is still time to do so! Simply pop in and see Mrs Campbell in the school office who will provide you with the menu choices. The cost of a meal for Father's Day is £2.50 per adult.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Tempest Photography were in school this morning to take class group pictures and very soon you will have the chance to see the finished photographs. When they are returned we will display the photos in school for you to have a look at before you commit to purchasing one and I hope you like them when they arrive.

Finally, a reminder that we break up for half term on **Thursday afternoon** next week at 3.05pm. Please note that school is not open to pupils on Friday 26 May due to staff professional development training. We then return to school for the second half of the summer term on **Monday 5 June at 8.45am**.

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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Police and Community Together (PACT) Meeting

Just a reminder that this month's PACT meeting will take place next Wednesday 24 May at 6.30pm in school. Come along and have the chance to speak with Police, Durham County Council officials and local councillors about issues that you face in Howden le Wear. Light refreshments are provided and everyone is welcome.



Themed Breakfast Club Next Thursday

Earlier this week you will have received an invitation for children to attend a special breakfast club next Thursday morning, the last day of the half term, from 8am. Children will be able to enjoy cereals, toast, fruit juices and sausage sandwiches! The cost to attend remains great value at £1.50 per child. Please return your form as soon as possible next week if your child/ren would like to take part.



Smoking Outside of School

Could I again politely request that parents/carers do not smoke immediately outside the main entrance of school, particularly when other parents and children are entering or leaving the school site. I have received a number of complaints recently about this from both adults and children and would encourage people to move further away from the school entrance if they wish to smoke.

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 **Amelia Ward** for settling in at Nursery and making lots of new friends. Well done Amelia!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **William Grafton** for great work learning about time, through the story "What's the Time Mr Wolf?" Well done William!

Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Abi-Rose Gardiner** for always doing her best and helping others. Great work Abi-Rose!

Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention for **Alisi Mekatoa** for outstanding effort in all her Key Stage 1 SATs. Well done Alisi!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted with **Cameron Kell** for his effort and application during this week's tests in school. Great work Cameron!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Kian Pigg** for always working hard and making valuable contributions to class discussions. Well done Kian!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Connor Vint** for his fantastic descriptive writing in Literacy. Great work Connor!



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

