



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

All of us in school have been shocked and saddened by the tragic events at the Manchester Arena on Monday this week. Our first thoughts are with the victims, their families and all those affected by the incident and as a school we remembered them this morning with a minutes silence at 11am. I have also spoken to some children in school throughout the week about the events in Manchester and understandably, they have voiced concern, worry and anxiety about what they have heard on the radio or seen on the television. With this in mind, children's charity 'Winston's Wish' has published advice to parents about how to speak to children and young people who may be affected by the media coverage of the Manchester attack and other similar incidents. They have compiled their advice by drawing on experiences of supporting children, young people and families bereaved through all causes and provide eight main points to remember:

- Talk to children using words they understand; give information to younger children a little bit at a time;
- Try and encourage children to ask questions;
- Answer questions honestly and simply; talking about it won't make it worse;
- Accept that some things can't be 'made better';
- Show willingness to talk about difficult things and use this as an opportunity to reassure them;
- If children are asking questions, it is a good thing, it shows they trust you and it is better than keeping questions and worries to themselves;
- Remember that 'super parents' or 'super teachers' don't exist. Just do and say what you can;
- Don't be afraid to show children how you are feeling.

More information from Winston's Wish about how to speak to your children about the events can be found at www.winstonswish.org.uk

In terms of this week in school we have a few events to tell you about. Children in Years 1/2 took part in a Key Stage 1 Athletics Festival at Wolsingham School on Wednesday. It was a lovely warm day with perfect conditions for some track and field events outdoors on Wolsingham School field. Children had a fun packed afternoon taking part in a range of running, jumping and throwing activities. Teachers and support staff accompanying our children reported that children were very well behaved, took part in all activities with enthusiasm and everyone had a great time. Well done to all Year 1/2 children.

This morning over 45 children joined us for a special breakfast club from 8am. Children really enjoyed cereals and yoghurt; followed by sausage sandwiches and a muffin. Thank you to Mrs Newton for coming to work extra early to prepare the food for children and judging by the number of empty plates, the children really enjoyed it too!

Finally, we break up today for the half term holiday. It has been a successful half term in school and we look forward to working with you again after the holiday. We return to school at 8.45am on Monday 5 June for the last half term of this academic year.

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 - Second Half Of The Summer Term 2017

Monday 5 June - School reopens for children at 8.45am

Wednesday 14 June - Father's Day lunch in school for all Dads/Grandads

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

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

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

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

Howden le Wear Playgroup Starting Soon

One of our parents in school Jaclyn Morton, is starting a village playgroup for children between the ages of 0 and 2 years old.

Playgroup sessions will take place between 9am and 10.30am every Thursday morning (commencing on Thursday 15th June) at Howden le Wear Village Hall.

If you are interested in going along please see the attached flyer for further information or visit the Facebook Page that is set up for the group - simply search on Facebook for **Howden le Wear Playgroup**.



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 **Isaac Fairless** for his enthusiasm when planting and caring for the Nursery garden. Well done Isaac!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Jayden Gale** for his fantastic work in shelter building with our visitor from Scout.ed today. Great work Jayden!

Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Macie Adamson** for great teamwork and giving her 'best' in the athletics festival. Well done Macie!

Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention for the **whole of Year 2** for their amazing effort for their SAT's and trying their best- extremely proud of them all!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted with **Rachel Jones** for completing all the levels of LEXIA and getting an outstanding score on her reading test. Great work Rachel!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Matthew Smith** for his excellent effort in all areas of literacy - reading, writing and using Lexia. Great work Matthew. Mrs Clark is really proud of you.

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Ella Cooke** for showing a fantastic attitude when producing high quality writing. Well done Ella!



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

