



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

The highlight of this week for our younger children and staff has been the Reception Wedding celebrations that took place on Monday both in school and at the village Methodist Chapel. A full 'friendship' wedding service was organised to help children learn about traditional Christian celebrations and for many it was their first time attending a wedding. Children performed to a packed audience in the chapel and concluded the event with refreshments, speeches and the traditional cutting of the cake in the school hall. Well done particularly must go to **Alfie Smith** and **Freya Colling** in Reception for taking centre stage as the bride and groom for the day. I am sure Alfie and Freya's parents will look back on this occasion with fond memories in years to come and will delight in bringing these photos out to cause much embarrassment in front of future boyfriends/ girlfriends! Special thanks must also go to **Deacon Sue Peat** who led the service; **Frances Ann Johnson from Howden le Wear Methodist Chapel** for allowing us to use the Chapel; **school staff** for all their hard work preparing and planning for the event; **Lorraine at Beautiful Brides** in Spennymoor for providing the dresses and finally to **Miss Atkinson** who very kindly made the wonderful wedding cake! Below are a selection of photos from the day.



On Wednesday this week we held our annual Father's Day lunch in school. Over 60 Dads and Grandads came to school to enjoy lunch with their younger family members. A big thank you to our kitchen staff, Mrs Longstaff and Mrs Thompson, for an excellent meal and we hope visitors enjoyed their lunch in school - wishing you all a Happy Father's Day for this Sunday!

We are always seeking to improve our school in order to ensure that all aspects of our provision for your child/ children, be they educational, social or personal, are the best they can be. We carry out regular evaluations in school but would also value your assistance in this process.

We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the attached questionnaire and return it to school at your earliest convenience and prior to Friday 30 June 2017. If you have more than one child attending our school you may choose to complete a reply for each child or one to represent your family. If you would like to discuss any points raised you are welcome to add your name to the bottom of the questionnaire to enable me to contact you; alternatively you are welcome to contact me directly. Thank you for taking the time to complete this year's questionnaire. Your views and ideas will be analysed and shared with you via the school newsletter before the end of the 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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Howden le Wear Primary School Football Team
Willington/Parkside Football League Runners Up 2016/17

We were delighted to learn this week that our school football team were officially declared the Runners-Up in the Willington/Parkside Primary Football League. Following a busy season of 8 matches we achieved a total of 22 points, scoring 28 goals and conceding only 7. We finished only 2 points behind the overall league winners St Chad's Primary School, who earned 24 points.

This a fantastic achievement and I have been delighted to see and hear about the wonderful sportsmanship, teamwork and desire to succeed from our young footballers throughout the season. Special thanks must also go to Mr Sparks, our Team Manager, who leads training sessions for the children every Thursday and to Mrs M Clark who supervises the team at the monthly football event at Parkside School.

So a huge well done to our footballers who have played for the school team this year: **Kieran Howarth, Connor Vint, Connor Driscoll, Brandon-Lee McGuinness, Kian Pigg, Kieran Prest, Charlie Latcham, Matthew Smith, Seth Beasley and Kian Fairest.**



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 **Jack Young** for fantastic imaginative play in the role play ice-cream parlour. Well done Jack!

Mrs Craig's
Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Alfie Smith** for his brilliant role play in our seaside themed areas this week. Well done Alfie!

Miss Knaggs'
Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs is really impressed this week with all her **Year 1 children** for their excellent effort in phonics. Well done all Year 1 pupils!

Miss Hutchinson's
Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention for **Luke Thompson** for his outstanding writing and working hard to edit it. Great work Luke!

Mrs Salkeld's
Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted with **Toby Gardiner** for his wonderful writing, particularly when adding description and also for his lovely handwriting. Well done Toby!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Kai Robson** for his amazing efforts this week in Literacy and in his handwriting. Great work Kai!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Kia Johnson** for working really hard to improve her writing. Well done Kia!



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

