



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

It has been a great week in school with the weather staying dry and bright for most of the week enabling all children to get onto the field and prepare for the sporting events lined up for next week. Thank you to all parents for ensuring that during this warm weather, children have had sun cream applied as well as providing hats for children to wear when they are outdoors. We would be most grateful if this could continue in the coming weeks as we have lots of outdoor learning and sporting events planned. Coupled with this, many of our boys have attended school this week in shorts; which is great; however we kindly request that if children would like to wear shorts, they are grey uniform style trouser shorts rather than sports/football kit shorts. Thank you for your support with this.

Next week is Sports Week in school with a whole range of exciting activities lined up for children to take part in. As the week will be packed with sporting activities, children have brought their PE kits home from school today and are allowed to come to school in sports clothing all week. Should the weather be fine, this might be shorts and T-shirt or if the weather is not so good, children may wear tracksuit bottoms over their shorts and a school jumper. Please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school each day. Activities next week include children in Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 visiting Spectrum Leisure Centre in Willington on Monday afternoon and Friday morning respectively; and we also have Olympic/Commonwealth swimmer, Chris Cook, joining us in school for activities all day on Monday.

Sports Day is planned for Thursday 29 June at 1.30pm with parents being welcomed into school from 1.15pm. The plan is that children will meet in the hall shortly after 1pm in their PE kits where they will take part in a short warm up before the official start of Sports Day. As in previous years we run Sports Day around a carousel of activities where children achieve points for their Castle Teams.

Spectators are welcome and encouraged to follow their children around the various events. We are planning to finish around 2.45pm at which point ice creams will be on sale from the playground and, once children have collected their belongings, they are free to leave with their parent/carer. All other children who do not have parents/carers present will stay on site until the end of the school day. If your child is due to attend an after school club on Thursday (KS2 football, Glee Club, KS1 Gardening Club) it will be cancelled. Also, could I politely remind spectators attending Sports Day of the need to set a good example to all of our children with lots of cheering and support being more than welcome. No smoking is allowed anywhere on the school site and no animals are allowed within the school grounds.

The long range weather forecast for next week is looking variable at present, cloudy with occasional light rain; so we hope that our arrangements are unaffected. If we do need to reschedule events because of the weather, we will let you know via the Text 2 Parents service.

Thank you finally to all those parents/carers who have returned their Annual Parents Survey which was attached to last weeks newsletter. If you have not returned your form yet, could you please do so by Friday 30 June so results can be collated.

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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Swimming For Year 2 Children

We have organised some taster swimming sessions for our Year 2 pupils at St John's School Swimming Pool every Friday morning from **Friday 7 July** until the end of term.

Children will travel to and from St John's in a hired coach and take part in a one hour swimming session each week under the supervision of school staff and a qualified swimming instructor, who will be in the water with children.

More information will be sent out to Year 2 parents in the coming weeks, however you may wish to check that your child has proper swim trunks/one piece costume - no baggy swim shorts please, a hat and (optional) goggles to ensure they can take part.

Summer Fair 2017

Our Friends of the School Summer Fair is organised for Friday 14 July from 2pm.

We are currently asking for donations of prizes such as bottles of wine for the tombola stall, tins of biscuits, toiletry 'smellies' etc; that could be included in either our raffle or prizes on other stalls. If you have a donation, please see Mrs Campbell in the main office.

Thank you for once again supporting our school fair as all profits made go back into school fund to benefit the children of Howden le Wear Primary School.

For those who would like to be involved in the organisation of the fair, we are hosting a Friends of the School meeting on Wednesday 28 June at 9am. All are welcome.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers Update

We are delighted to announce that we collected **5851 Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers** that have been exchanged to provide extra PE resources for pupils to use in school.

Mrs Clark and school sports leaders recently placed the order and we hope to see the new footballs, tennis balls and other sporting equipment in school in the near future. Thank you for helping us to participate in this scheme.

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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 **Daniel Galvin** for his fantastic throwing and catching as part of our Multi skills lessons. Well done Daniel!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Finnlay Winter** for working really hard in his phonic work throughout the week. Well done Finnlay!

Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs is really impressed this week with **Rhyannon Stothard** for always trying her best in all lessons and for her lovely neat handwriting. Well done Rhyannon!

Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention for **Abigail White** for the progress she has made in reading throughout the year. Well done Abigail.

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted with **Lucie Underwood** for her all round positive attitude towards school and being a helpful classmate. Great work Lucie!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Lucy Johnson** for excellent contributions to class discussion. Well done Lucy - keep up the hard work!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Carla Kershaw** for working hard on producing high quality writing. Great work Carla!



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

