



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

This week has been a busy one in school with lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place for all children. Although it is early in the academic year, our Year 6 families are already thinking about which secondary school they would like their child to attend from September 2018. The process has started over the last few weeks with visits from Headteachers and Senior Leaders from local secondary schools, including Parkside and Wolsingham, to let children know all about what their schools have to offer.

Choosing your child's secondary school is an important decision that will have an impact on the rest of their lives; so it is vital that parents/carers know all the facts about each available school before they make their final choice. Parents' Open Evenings are organised at each of our local secondary schools to help parents and children get a feel for each establishment, but should you require any further help in either completing the admissions form or would like further information about a school, please do get in touch and I will contact the relevant people who can answer your queries.

In terms of child admissions to our school for next year, if you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018, you will need to complete an application form provided by the Local Authority. The easiest way to do this is online at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. If however, you cannot access the Council website, please contact the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896 who will send you paper copies. Applications for Reception places are open from now until Monday 15 January 2018.

Last week we had some great news in school linked to a prestigious sports leadership award! Over the summer we found out we had been nominated in the category of 'Primary School Contribution to Leadership' for the County Durham Sports Leadership Awards. The awards ceremony took place last week and we were delighted to learn our school had won the category, beating off stiff competition from other schools in Durham. Holly Robson from County Durham Sport came into school last week to present the award in assembly to our children. This award is testament to the hard work of pupils in developing their leadership skills, encouraging teamwork and developing independence. Well done to all our pupils for achieving this award for the school.



Above: Holly Robson presenting the award to pupils.

Tuesday 26 September next week is the official European Day of Languages which we celebrate annually in school. The broad aims of the day are to alert children and parents to the importance of language learning; promote the rich cultural diversity of Europe and encourage lifelong language learning both in and out of school. We will be celebrating the European Day of Languages in school with a morning of events. This will begin with a whole school assembly on 'Being European' and the different cultures of Europe. We have then chosen to focus this year's learning on the country of Poland. Across the morning children will rotate around classes and take part in activities relating to the geography, culture and language associated with Poland. Please take the time to talk to your child on Tuesday evening about what they have learned at school as part of the European Day of Languages. Should you wish to know more about the event and challenge your children with language based activities and games, please go to the following website:

<http://edl.ecml.at/>

Finally, can I inform you that Parents Consultations this term have been organised for Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th October from 3.20pm. We have chosen this year to split meetings over two days to increase opportunities for parents to attend and to ensure teachers/parents have an adequate amount of time to meet and discuss their child's attainment and progress. A letter will be sent out over the coming weeks giving parents the opportunity to book appointments. Please send your completed forms back into school and an appointment time will be allocated to you.

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 website!



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Next Friday afternoon we are hosting a Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Afternoon in school. The event will start at 1.45pm in the hall where a range of refreshments and cakes will be on sale. At 2pm parents and guests can watch our weekly Celebration Assembly and hear a little about the work completed for European Day of Languages before having more refreshments, cake and chat with others before collecting children at 3.05pm. We hope as many parents and family members as possible choose to join us. Even if you can't make it for 2pm, please drop in until the end of the school day.

If you wish to make a donation of a cake, cupcakes or biscuits to be sold at the Coffee Afternoon, this will be gratefully received on Thursday or Friday next week.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you next Friday!



School Notices

Playtime Snacks: Could parents please ensure that if they are providing their child with a mid morning playtime snack, it is a healthy option such as a piece of fruit. Thank you for your support with this.

PACT Meeting: Our monthly Police and Community Meeting will be held in school next **Wednesday 27 September at 6.30pm** in the school hall. This month we are delighted to welcome Paul Emmer-son for the Durham Constabulary Traffic Management who will talk to the meeting about traffic management and speeding within the locality. We look forward to seeing as many community members as possible and light refreshments will be available from 6.15pm.

Governor Vacancy: As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have two Parent Governor vacancies and are asking for nominations from parents who may wish to put themselves forward for the role. Nominations are open until Monday 25 September at midday, so if you wish to apply or know someone who is interested, do get in touch early next week. Nomination forms are available from Mrs Campbell in the school office.

Key Stage 2 Parents: We kindly request that parents of children in Key Stage 2 do not enter school from the playground for any reason at the start of the school day. If messages need to be passed on to teachers this can be done via the school office. **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 **Joseph Waggott** for some fantastic mark making in Nursery this week. Keep up the hard work Joseph!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Noah Brannan** for his amazing work in class and for being a really good friend to others in Reception. Well done Noah!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say a huge well done to **Faith Dunn** for always listening and contributing to discussions in class and producing some lovely work this week. Well done Faith!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention this week for **Brogan-Leigh Dowson** for outstanding effort in Numeracy this week and being great at solving column addition. Well done Brogan-Leigh!

Miss Nattrass' Year 3 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted this week with **Lexi Slater** and **Katie Pratt** for persevering when they found some challenging Maths hard and not giving up! Great work Lexi and Katie!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Ryan Wheatley** for working so hard in all his lessons this week and being a pleasure to have in class. Well done Ryan!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Layla Harrison** for showing excellent determination and an amazing attitude to learning since the start of term. Great work Layla!



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

