



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

Thank you to all those who attended last Friday's Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - we hope you enjoyed your visit to school. There was a vast array of cakes and sweet treats donated by parents, staff and community members; so much so, that we continued to sell cakes at the end of the school day on Monday. I am delighted to let you know that we raised **£315.00** for Macmillan Cancer Research - our biggest coffee afternoon total to date! So a huge thank you to everyone who donated cake or attended the event.



Thank you also to everyone who attended our parent consultation evenings this week. I hope you found your meetings with your child's class teacher useful and feel you have an understanding of the progress they have made since returning to school in September and their areas for development. For those who were unable to attend, please get in touch and we will be pleased to offer you a chance to meet with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time in the near future.

Feedback about the work we do in school is really important to us and I have been delighted to read the comments parents left on their parents' evening questionnaires. ParentView is another way you can have your say on the school your child attends and is available to complete on the Ofsted website. ParentView was set up to give parents/carers the chance to tell Ofsted what they think about the school their child attends. The online questionnaire asks for views on 12 aspects of our school from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying. Ofsted will then use the information you provide to make decisions about school inspections and overall school performance. I would be most grateful if over the coming days, as many parents/carers as possible sign up and complete the questionnaire. The ParentView website can be found at:

**<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>**



As we head into Autumn, traditionally the number of children who are absent from school due to illness, increases. We would be extremely grateful if parents/carers could let school know on the first day of absence why their child will not be in school for that day and keep us informed of how the child is doing if the absence is for more than two days. By doing this, we can mark in the register the exact reason for a child's absence and will not have to bother you with phone calls, once registers have been taken to find the reason for the absence.

We have a busy few weeks coming up in school to take us into the Autumn half term break. Our Harvest Festival will take place in the Howden le Wear Methodist Chapel on **Tuesday 17 October at 9.30am**. Children will lead the event explaining the meaning of harvest through a range of poems, performances and songs. All parents and family members are welcome to attend. To accompany this, we always run a Harvest Collection where we invite children to donate tins, packets and jars of non-perishable foods. These can be brought to Mrs Campbell in the school office over the next week and we will make up some hampers to donate to the Salvation Army food bank in Crook. Thank you for your help with this.

Finally, on the reverse of today's newsletter is information about our annual Friends of the School Halloween Disco which we will be hosting on Tuesday 31 October, the second day back at school after the half term holiday. Unfortunately for some of our older children, this coincides with our visit to Robinwood Activity Centre; but I am sure Halloween will be celebrated just as well at Robinwood! We look forward to seeing as many children as possible at the disco and fancy dress, as always, is encouraged!

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!



### Halloween Disco - Tickets on Sale from Wednesday!

A Friends of the School Halloween Disco has been organised for Tuesday 31 October (Halloween night!!!) from 4pm to 5.30pm. All children in school are invited to attend and tickets will cost **£2.50** per person which includes entry to the disco, a hot dog, drink, crisps and bag of sweets. Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday morning next week. Could all money be sent into school with the child's name and class clearly labelled on the envelope, along with the words 'Halloween Disco'. Nursery children are also invited to attend and parents of our younger children are welcome to stay with their children throughout. Fancy dress and Halloween costumes are encouraged, but not essential.



**We look forward to a great disco on the first day back after the half term holidays!**

### Friends of the School Meeting

To help organise the Halloween Disco and plan for our Christmas Fair on Friday 2 December, Mrs Campbell will be hosting a Friends of the School Meeting on Thursday 12 October at 9.15am. We would love to see as many parents as possible who would be willing to help out in some way. If you can't make the meeting but would still like to be involved, please let us know and we will include you in the plans.

**Thank you for supporting the Friends of the School.**

### 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 **Ivy Gray** for settling into nursery routine and making lots of new friends. Well done Ivy!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Jacob Pigg** for his fantastic descriptive language when we visited the local shop. Amazing job Jacob!

#### Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say a huge well done to **Ethan Wright** for always being kind to others and for his determination to improve in both numeracy and literacy. Keep up the hard work Ethan!

#### Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention this week for **Finley Abbott** for his effort with his writing and for sharing his fantastic knowledge of the UK in Geography. Well done Finley!

#### Miss Nattrass' Year 3 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted this week with **Millie Box** for the amazing effort she's put into her work and determination to improve her presentation. Well done Millie!

#### Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Teegan Adamson** for her positive attitude at school and her amazing homework fact file. Great work Teegan!

#### Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Matthew Smith** for having a fantastic attitude to his learning and working really hard. Well done Matthew!



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

