



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

This week our Year 4, 5 and 6 children visited Beamish Museum as part of their curriculum work on The Victorians. Children had the chance to take part in a Victorian School lesson, talk to Beamish staff about life in Victorian times and to add to the authenticity, all children dressed in Victorian clothing for the day! From speaking to children and staff, everyone had a great time and we are also delighted to be welcoming the Beamish Outreach Team into school next Wednesday who will continue the work started on the Beamish visit back in the classroom.

The First World War officially ended on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day on the eleventh month, 1918 - Armistice Day. The act of a two minute silence began on the anniversary of Armistice Day in 1919 by those who did not want to forget the millions killed, injured and affected. Now generally called Remembrance Day, millions of people stop what they are doing and observe a two minute silence at 11am on 11 November each year in the memory of those who have been affected in all conflicts. As a school we honoured this occasion today in advance of the official Remembrance Day tomorrow by holding a two minute silence in classrooms at 11am. Coupled with this, I and a selection of children, visited the War Memorial in the village at 11am to lay some wreathes that had been made in school and to observe the two minute silence. On Sunday there will be a Remembrance Service in the Methodist Church starting at 10am and from there, people will head to the War Memorial where wreathes will be laid at around 11am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

With the many sporting opportunities we offer in school, children may be taking part in outdoor PE lessons during the winter months and suitable warm clothing for outdoor physical education (tracksuits are ideal) is essential. Trainers should also be worn for outdoor PE as plimsolls do not provide adequate grip on the outdoor surfaces. Class teachers will inform children when they are planning outdoor PE to ensure everyone has enough notice to bring such kit into school. With this in mind, on Monday next week, children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in an intra-castle Tag Rugby tournament in school. Please ensure children bring tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a warm jumper . Thank you.

Children in Need day is next Friday 17 November, and to support the national fundraising effort, we are having a cake sale in school where children can buy a cake at playtime for 30p and we are also holding a whole school non-uniform day. Children can choose to wear something yellow/spotty to show their support for Children in Need or alternatively come to school in clothes of their choice. We kindly request a minimum donation of £1.00 to attend in non uniform: could all money please be sent into school in an envelope with your child's name on. Also on next Friday we are hosting a special Children in Need themed Breakfast Club, where children will be served cereals, sausage sandwiches and juices. The cost for this will be £2.00 per child. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Finally, before half term, you will have received a letter regarding our planned visit to the Robinson Crusoe pantomime at the Gala Theatre, Durham on Tuesday 19 December. Can you please ensure payment for the visit of £9.00 is made to school as soon as possible, as we have to pay the Gala Theatre in advance.

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!



Key Dates For The Second Half Of The Autumn Term 2017

Please find below key dates for events taking place in school over the half term.

Monday 13 November - Anti Bullying Week in school

Friday 17 November - Children in Need Day

Friday 24 November - Tempest Individual/Family Photographs.

Friday 8 December - Friends of the School Christmas Fair

Monday 11 December Key Stage 2 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance

Tuesday 12 December - Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances - 1.45pm and 6pm

Wednesday 13 December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performances - 9.45am and 1.30pm

Thursday 14 December - Nursery / Reception Christmas Party

Friday 15 December - 'The Singing Wind' Christmas Performance for Nursery to Year 3.

Monday 18 December - Key Stage 1/2 Christmas Parties

Tuesday 19 December - Pantomime Visit to Gala Theatre

Wednesday 20 December - Christmas Dinner in school for all children.

Friday 22 December - School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.05pm and reopens on

Monday 8 January at 8.50am.

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 **Jackson Brown** for his fantastic role play as a fire fighter. Great work Jackson!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Jack Young** for fantastic imaginative role play and small world play about firefighters. Well done Jack!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say a huge well done to **Sophia Clark** for producing some fabulous work this week and trying her best in all that she does. Well done Sophia!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Macy Beasley** for always helping others, trying her best in her work and being an amazing role model to others. Well done Macy!

Miss Nattrass' Year 3 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted this week with **Hayden-James McGuinness** for his superb effort in reading, solving maths problems and challenging himself with really tricky science. Great work Hayden James!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Rachel Jones** for her brilliant factual writing in follow up from this week's Beamish Museum visit. Well done Rachel!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Kian Pigg** for amazing problem solving in Maths. Keep up the hard work Kian!



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

