



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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In this weeks newsletter:

- ◆ Sainsbury's School Games Success;
- ◆ Dates for Diary - Spring Term 2018;
- ◆ 'Jay's Animal Encounters' visit to school next Wednesday.

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Year 4 Bikeability Session on Wednesday 31 January - Please remember your bikes, helmets and to return your consent form.

As you will be aware, we work very hard in school to promote participation and enjoyment of sport. We offer children across school, a wide range of sporting activities which take place both during the school day and after school. As a result of this, we were delighted this week to receive the Sainsbury's School Games 'Gold Award' for the third year in succession. This award is one of the highest accolades a primary school can achieve for providing the highest quality Physical Education and Sport to all children: in the form of curriculum lessons, after school clubs and sporting festivals. To celebrate this success, we were joined for a special assembly on Tuesday by James Oldfield, who is the School Games Co-ordinator for the Bishop Auckland area. James is a keen sportsman himself and talked to children about his personal journey towards representing Great Britain in the Duathlon event (running and cycling) at the World Championships in Canada last summer. Following this, he presented the School Games Gold Award to two year 6 pupils, **Layla Harrison and Matthew Lawrence**, in their roles as Sports Leaders. Congratulations to everyone in school on helping to achieve this fantastic award!



Looking to next week, we have a busy week in school ahead. Following the Christmas break, the Parkside Football League begins again on **Wednesday 31 January at 3.45pm**. Footballers from Howden will be involved in two matches against Wolsingham Primary and Willington Primary. Letters will be sent to children involved and the event should finish around 4.45pm. Thank you to parents and family members for helping to transport children to and from Parkside School. **Good Luck to our Football Team next week!!**



Also next week on Wednesday, we welcome 'Jay's Animal Encounters' into school for the day to compliment our curriculum work taking place in all classes across the school. Each class will get to spend some time with Jay who will talk children through the range of fantastic animals that he owns. It will give children a chance to get up close to take a detailed look at the animals: their colours, textures, behaviours and personality. However, don't worry please parents, as children can get as involved in this as much as they wish to do so. On past visits, some children have preferred to watch whilst others have enjoyed touching and getting up close to the animals—the choice is very much up to each pupil. We look forward to a great day with Jay's Animal Encounters next week and we thank the Friends Of The School for funding this opportunity for our children.

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!



Dates for your Diary - Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 31 January - Jay's Animal Encounters visit school / Y4 Bikeability / Football League

Thursday 1 February - Year 6 Sportshall Athletics at Parkside Academy

Tuesday 6 February - Year 1/2 Dance Festival at Parkside Academy

Friday 9 February - School closes for half term at 3.05pm

Thursday 1 March - World Book Day / Year 6 Darlington Theatre Visit

Tuesday 6 / Wednesday 7 March - Spring Term Parents' Consultation Evening

Wednesday 7 March - Mother's Day Lunch in School

Friday 9 March - Tempest Group/Class Photographs

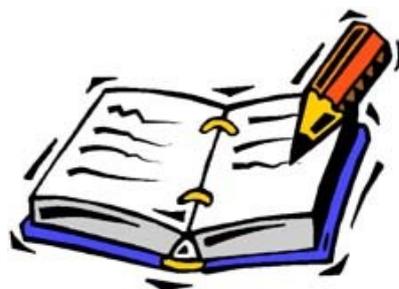
Monday 19 March - Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 20 March - 2.30pm - Year 6 Ukulele Concert

Friday 23 March - Sports Relief Day in school

Tuesday 27 March - 9.30am - Easter Service at Methodist Chapel

Thursday 29 March - School Closes for Easter Holidays at 3.05pm



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 would like to congratulate **Jackson Blair** for following instructions during multi skills and being an amazing shark whilst playing Shark football. Well done Jackson!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Joshua Wren** for his great work exploring using the 'Beebot' as part of the Computing curriculum. Well done Joshua!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say a huge well done to **Bethany Spindley** for always giving 100% to all aspects of school life. Great work Bethany!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Brogan-Leigh Dowson** for always trying her best with everything she does and challenging herself to improve at school. Well done Brogan-Leigh!

Miss Nattrass' Year 3 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted this week with **Alexander Manson** for amazing effort during swimming lessons and working hard to improve his times tables. Great work Alexander!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Charlie Gilloway** for a big improvement in his writing and for producing a brilliant PowerPoint on the life cycle of an insect. Great work Charlie!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to **Thomas Pratt** for working really hard to contribute to discussions in class and improve his writing. Great work Thomas!



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

