



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ World Book Day News;
- ◆ Mother's Day Lunch;
- ◆ Keep Howden Tidy event.

Important dates / information for next week:

- World Book Day - Parents invited into school;
- Mother's Day Lunch request form to be returned by Monday;
- Parents' Evening Letters to be sent home Monday next week.

Welcome back after the half term break. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead as we move towards Easter and we begin next week with World Book Day on **Thursday 1st March**. As you will be aware, we celebrate this day every year in school, to promote a love of reading in all its forms. Next Thursday, we are encouraging children to come to school dressed for a pyjama day where they can wear onesies, pyjamas and, most importantly, bring their favourite book into school. This is a slight alteration to what we have done in previous years, where children have usually dressed as their favourite character from a storybook. However, I am keen to stress that if you have already purchased a costume for your child to wear for World Book Day, they are quite welcome to wear it. Please also note that children in Year 6 are celebrating the day with a trip to the theatre to see the stage show of the David Walliams book, 'Awful Auntie' and will therefore be required to wear school uniform and not a costume.

We are organising a number of events in school to commemorate World Book Day and we would like to invite parents in throughout the day to enjoy and share books with their children in the school hall, at the following times:

9.30am – Year 4/5; 10am - Year 3; 10.30am - Year 1/2; 1.15-2.15pm - Nursery / Reception; 2.30pm - Year 6

We hope to see as many parents as possible! Additionally, we are also holding a book swap event in school that day. The idea is simple: children are invited to bring in one, two or as many books as they wish from home, that they no longer want, read or have grown out of, between now and next Thursday. We will then collect these all together and give children the chance to choose some different books which they haven't read, to take home and keep. Please send books to school as soon as possible and we politely request that donated books are in good condition. Since launching this just before half term, we have been delighted with the response. So far we've received over 100 books suitable for a range of ages.

Finally linked to World Book Day, we would like to challenge all our children (and parents!) to take part in our Extreme Reading Challenge to promote an understanding that books can be read anywhere and everywhere! The challenge has been set, so we would like you to think about different, fun, exciting (and SAFE!) places in which you can enjoy a book. Children can share their extreme reading ideas with parents and ask them to take a photo of them reading a book in an extreme place! Photos can be brought into school or emailed to howdenlewear@durhamlearning.net. Entries must be sent in by next Friday morning and we will show and celebrate our extreme readers in celebration assembly next Friday afternoon. Good luck and have fun with extreme reading!!

You will have received a letter earlier this week, informing you of our annual Mother's Day lunch in school on **Wednesday 7 March** where Mums and Grandmothers are invited into school to have lunch with their child/children to celebrate this special day. Lunch costs £2.50 per adult - thank you to everyone who has responded to this so far. If you have not yet replied, but would like to attend, please let us know by Monday morning at the latest, as our kitchen have to order the correct amount of food to cater for everyone. We look forward to a lovely event in school.

Finally, please see information overleaf about a litter picking initiative led by one of our parents, Faye Smith. This is a fabulous opportunity to support the improvement of our village and it would be great if as many as possible could take part. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Baines

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!



Dear Fellow Parents,

A national campaign entitled the *Great British Spring Clean*, organised by the charity *Keep Britain Tidy*, has inspired me to take to the streets of Howden le Wear to show my support of this worthy cause. At **10am on Saturday 3rd March**, my daughter Darcy & I, plan to spend an hour with a bin bag & litter-picker in an attempt to reduce the amount of litter and rubbish in key areas of the village.

I feel that us parents have a responsibility to teach our children about caring for the environment and it feels right to start in the place where they live and go to school. If you would like to volunteer an hour of your time, we would very much appreciate your help. I will provide the bin bags - please just bring yourselves, some protective gloves and a litter-picker, if you have one and we will meet by the swings in Jubilee Park and agree on target areas!

My hope is that we can collectively, do two really important jobs: tidy the village, and in doing so, educate our children about the importance of being responsible with waste. My aim, with your support, is to have plenty of bags of litter for the council to collect! To gauge a rough idea of participant numbers, I'd be grateful if those who want to help would let me know by emailing me: **faye.louise.smith@outlook.com**

The *Great British Spring Clean* is a campaign with a simple aim: to bring people across the country together to clear up the litter that blights our towns, villages, countryside & beaches. For more information about *Keep Britain Tidy* & the *Great British Spring Clean* campaign, see: **www.keepbritaintidy.org**

Thank You
Faye Smith.



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 **Finley Jackson** for his work related to Chinese New Year and talking about his own experiences of tasting Chinese food at home. Great work Finley!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Lily Nutter** for using ordinal numbers when retelling the Chinese New Year Story of 'The Great Race'. Fantastic job, Lily!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say a huge well done to **Freya Colling** for doing excellent handwriting in Literacy. Well done Freya!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Aaron Plews** for always putting 100% effort into every piece of writing he does. Brilliant work, Aaron!

Miss Nattrass's Year 3 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted this week with **Abigail White** for using amazing vocabulary in her writing and completing maths problems with a really positive attitude. Well done Abigail!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class

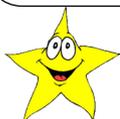


Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Lucie Underwood** for always being a fantastic role model and having a positive attitude to everything she does. Amazing job, Lucie!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to **Kai Robson** for amazing effort and hard work in all his lessons this week, but particularly with his writing. Keep it up, Kai!



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

