



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ Sport Relief;
- ◆ Easter Events in school;
- ◆ Scholastic Book Fair in school next week.

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Please ensure PE kits are in school all next week;
- ◆ Year 6 Ukulele Concert on Tuesday at 2.30pm.

Thank you to all those mums and grandparents who attended our rearranged Mother's Day meal in school on Wednesday. Our lunchtime staff excelled themselves with over 250 meals being produced and served over lunchtime. I am delighted that the staggered arrival system worked well and ensured a smooth service with guests not having to wait too long to enjoy lunch with their families. My thanks to Mrs Longstaff, Mrs Thompson and Taylor Shaw catering staff in the school kitchen who prepared such a fantastic meal; to Mrs Campbell and Mr Reed in the school office for organising the gifts for mums and grandmothers and to children, parents and staff for supporting the event.

I hope those who attended parents evening on Tuesday/Wednesday felt that from speaking to staff and looking at work, that your child or children are continuing to make good progress in school. I hope also that the consultation improved your understanding of where your child is currently working at in line with age related expectation for their year group and how you are able to support them further in the next stage of their learning. Should you wish to have a further look in your child's books in the coming months to get some more feedback on the progress your child is making, please get in touch with your child's class teacher who will be only too happy to discuss this with you. If you were unable to make this week's parents meetings, please contact me in school and I will be able to organise an appointment with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time. Thank you also to all those who took the time to return the parents section of the mid year report. Your feedback is most valuable to us as we aim to never be complacent and all feedback is shared with school staff and actions taken to address issues that arise.

Over the next week there will be lots of publicity surrounding **Sport Relief 2018** leading up to an evening of events on the TV on Friday 23 March. As part of this effort to raise funds for a good cause, celebrities have been challenged to take part in endurance events. In keeping with this sporting theme we are encouraging every child in school to run, jog or walk one mile over the next week in school. We have our one mile course mapped out (6 laps of the perimeter of the school grounds) and next week children will be working towards completing their mile, either in one go or little by little over the week. Could we please ask that children bring a pair of trainers to use for their run as PE plimsols will easily get wet/muddy on the school field. Teachers will inform children on which days they are completing their run next week. Also on Friday, as a fundraising activity for Sport Relief, we would like every child to pay £1.00 to come to school in sports clothes for the day (tracksuits, trainers, football shirts etc); the money for which will be donated to Sports Relief. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week.

With only two weeks to go until the Easter holidays, the term is moving on at pace. We are holding an Easter raffle in school with a range of Easter goodies and hampers to win. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle please send donations to Mrs Campbell in the school office. Raffle tickets are attached and sold at 50p per strip. Please return counterfoils to the school office. Also, the Friends of the School are holding an Easter Egg Decorating Competition. Decorated eggs are to be made at home and can be brought into school from Monday 26 March, with judging taking place on Tuesday 27 March. Everyone who enters receives a prize and there are also bigger prizes for the best judged eggs. Finally our whole school Easter service will take place on Tuesday 27 March at 9.30am in Howden le Wear Methodist Chapel. All are welcome!

Finally, next Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm, Year 6 children are showcasing the Ukulele skills they have been learning with Mr Waite from Durham Music Service with a Ukulele concert. Children have been learning a number of tunes they would like to play for you and all Year 6 parents are invited to attend.

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!



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is back in school from today until next Thursday. The book fair offers a wide selection of books for children of all ages and as a school we receive a share of the total amount raised to purchase books for our school. Your child will tonight bring home a leaflet highlighting some of the books on offer. The book fair will be open every playtime and after school until Friday. Should you wish to send money for your child to spend in school, please do so in an envelope with your child's name clearly printed on the envelope. Thank you for supporting our school book fair.

World Book Day

Following World Book Day in school last week, children from Y4/5 wrote reviews of the day. A selection of these are attached to this newsletter. A reminder also, that children may use their World Book Day vouchers at the book fair next week.

Photos from Mother's Day Lunch



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 **Harley Dowson** for his interest and enthusiasm during our topic on pets. Well done Harley!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Noah Brannan** for an amazing painting of a koala during our lesson on pets and animals. Fabulous work Noah!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say a huge well done to **Kai Scott-Peyrefitte** for getting involved in discussion in class and for singing in hymn practice. Good job Kai!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Macie Adamson** for putting amazing effort into everything she does. Brilliant skills Macie!

Miss Nattrass' Year 3 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted this week with **Jenson Richardson** for being a really caring friend and using spelling strategies effectively. Amazing job Jenson!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Autumn Pomfret** for amazing arithmetic skills during maths lessons. Fantastic effort Autumn!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week to **Reece Pattison** for amazing problem solving in maths. Great work Reece!



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

