



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ Visit from Tidy Ted;
- ◆ Dates for the term ahead.

### Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Closing date for litter competition - Wednesday.

We start this week with a good news story about sporting success for **Fearne Abbott in Year 4**. Fearne represented our school this week at the County Finals for Cross Country running, resulting from the regional heats that took place at Bishop Auckland College in the Spring term. For the finals, children were organised into age groups and had to complete the mile long course against other runners from across County Durham. By all accounts, it was a tough race with the ground still quite muddy from the significant rain we have had over the last few months. Fearne paced herself very well and ran an excellent race, coming 7th overall in her age group out of the 75 competitors. Congratulations to Fearne for such a wonderful achievement and representing our school in the County Finals.



Last week we had staff from the Area Action Partnership visit school to deliver an assembly to children on keeping our environment clean and tidy and in particular to address the issue of littering in our village. As part of the assembly, children discussed littering and how it affects our community, as well as looking at ways littering could be discouraged and prevented. Also as part of the assembly, we had a visit from 'Tidy Ted' which the children loved! To conclude the assembly, our visitors told children about a poster competition that is open to all children across school. Children have to design a poster on A4 paper which encourages people not to litter and promotes keeping our village tidy. From all entries, a winning design will be chosen that will be turned into a real poster and displayed around our village. If your child would like to enter the competition, it is open until Wednesday next week. Please ensure your child's name is clearly displayed on the back of the poster.



Mrs Gray, our Year 2 teacher, had a very busy weekend with her family last week as she and 19 others took part in the Three Peaks Challenge in aid of the Solan Connor Fawcett Cancer Charity. The challenge involved a gruelling 24 hours of walking the three highest mountains in Great Britain. The group started off in Scotland on Saturday lunchtime to scale Ben Nevis; then to the Lake district to climb Scarfell Pike (at 1.30am in the morning!) followed by a visit to Wales to climb Snowden, finishing around lunchtime on Sunday. What is also particularly impressive, is that Mrs Gray's son Noah, who is only 6 years old, took part in the full walk and reached the summit of all three peaks. I'm sure you will agree that this is a fantastic achievement and everyone in school is really proud of Mrs Gray. So far, the team have raised over £4,500 for the Solan Connor Fawcett Cancer Charity. If you would like to donate, their Just Giving page is still live at [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/noahgray-threepeakchallenge](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/noahgray-threepeakchallenge).



Finally, a polite reminder to request that parents of Key Stage 2 children do not come into the school corridors in the mornings to support children hanging their coat and bags up. We are encouraging our children to develop independence and our corridors are very busy at the start of the school day, so if parents could say their goodbyes to children at the main school entrance, it would be much appreciated. Any messages parents have for teachers, can be passed on by the school office and I am available to meet with parents most mornings for more urgent matters.

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 - Summer Term 2018

**Monday 7th May** - Bank Holiday. School closed to all children.

**Monday 14th to Friday 18th May** - National Testing week in school for Year 6 children.

**Wednesday 23 May** - School closes to children for half term at 3.05pm. Please note that we are closing for half term earlier than other schools locally, as we have two Professional Development Days for staff on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th May.

**Monday 7th June** - School re-opens for children at 8.45am.

**Wednesday 13 June** - Fathers Day lunch in school for all Dads/Grandads.

**Monday 25 June to Friday 29 June** - 'Fun and Fitness' week in school.

**Tuesday 26 June** - Sports Afternoon. All parents invited - weather permitting!

**Wednesday 27 June** - Nursery Sports Morning - parents invited, once again, weather permitting!

**Friday 6 July** - Pupil annual reports sent out to parents.

**Wednesday 11 July** - Parents' Consultation Evening from 3.15pm to 5.30pm.

**Thursday 12 July** - 'Moving Up' morning for children in school.

**Friday 13 July** - Friends of the School Summer Fayre.

**Friday 20 July** - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 1.30pm.

**Friday 20 July** - School closes for summer 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 **Keith Young** for following instructions and staying safe on the Nursery visit to the shop. Well done Keith!

### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Arianne Jones** for working really hard on all her writing activities this week. Well done Arianne!

### Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say a huge well done to **Alfie Smith** for being a caring friend, working hard and being a great role model to others in class. Great work Alfie!

### Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Adyn Mawson** for fantastic general knowledge in Science, History and Geography. Great work Adyn!

### Miss Nattrass' Year 3 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted this week with **Lexi Slater** for her determination to complete any challenge, especially in maths and computing. Well done Lexi!

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



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Chloe Demeyre** for her all-round effort in every lesson. Chloe always tries her best in all that she does. Well done Chloe!

### Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like a special mention for **Thomas Pratt** for his great effort and excellent attitude to learning throughout the week. Well done Thomas!



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

