



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ Children in Need celebrations;
- ◆ Footballing success;
- ◆ Jasmine wins poster competition.

### Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Non –Uniform day next Friday for Christmas Fair donations.

Today saw our Children in Need celebrations in school with Mrs Newton serving over 200 cupcakes that went on sale at playtime. The comments from children who bought the cakes said they were very tasty and many wanted more than one! Children and staff also took the opportunity to come to school wearing non-uniform for the day. We also hosted a special Breakfast Club from 8am serving sausage sandwiches, with children taking part in a range of Children in Need activities. Everyone really enjoyed the Breakfast Club and non-uniform day - a special big 'thank you' to Mrs Newton for making the cakes and to everyone in school who got involved in the day and contributed to this worthwhile cause. At present we don't have a grand total raised, but we will let you know next week and then forward this money to the Children In Need appeal.



In recent weeks, our Year 4, 5 and 6 children have been busy creating monster poems as part of a Young Writers Literacy competition. Children worked on perfecting their poetry skills in school before we sent our entries in to Young Writers. This week we were delighted to learn that a number of our children's poems have been chosen to be published in a Monster Poems book! Well done to all the children who took part in this initiative.



Young Writers

This week, our football team was in action as part of the Parkside Primary Football League. Once a month, schools get together at Parkside Academy to play other schools in our cluster as part of this league competition. On Wednesday we played two matches, the first against Stanley Crook Primary where we drew 0 - 0; the second was against Tow Law Millennium Primary which we won 9 - 0. Both games were played in a very sporting manner and a huge well done to the following children for taking part: **Kieran Prest, Callum Pedelty, Toby Gardiner, Joe Mekatoa, Finley Hall, Lewis Chadwick, Luke Thompson and Indie Ash.**



Howden Footballers

The Christmas Fair is only three weeks away and we are busy preparing for this event. Next Friday we are hosting a non-uniform day in school where children can come to school for the day in their regular clothes. Like we did in the summer term, instead of children making a financial donation towards the non-uniform day, we would be grateful if children could donate something that could be used as a tombola/raffle prize for the Christmas Fair. This could include toiletries, toys, non-perishable foods, bottles etc. Please send any donations you have, to school next Friday with your child. Thank you for your support with this.

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>

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### A Polite Reminder

I would like to remind parents of our desire for children from Year 1 to Year 6 to develop their independence and come into school by themselves on a morning. Increasingly since half term, there have been a lot of parents coming into school with their children across all year groups, helping them to take coats/bags off etc then leaving through the school hall out the main entrance. It would be much appreciated if parents could work with us to walk round onto the playground only or preferably send children onto the playground by themselves from the main gate where they will be greeted by school staff. Any messages that need to be relayed to staff can then be passed on via the school office or through myself. I am sure you will appreciate that the start of the day is a busy time for teachers and their focus needs to be on their primary role, which is to teach.

Coupled with this, at the end of the school day could parents please ensure that once children are dismissed from classes, they stay with them to be escorted off the school site. This week we have had instances where young children have run round onto School Street unsupervised, whilst others have been running on to the school field away from their adult supervision.

**Thank you for your support with this.**

### Jasmine Wins Poster Competition

Thank you to all children who entered the Police Poster Competition to encourage motorists to slow down when driving through our village. There were many fantastic entries - so much so that individual class winners were also chosen! However, the overall winner was **Jasmine Little in Year 2**. Jasmine's poster will be made into a real poster and then displayed in lots of places around our village to encourage people to stick to the speed limit. Thank you to everyone who entered.



Jasmine with PCSO Abbie Wallace from Durham Police.

### 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 Hardy would like to congratulate **Tobin Willingale** for using wonderful language when describing his favourite toy. Great work Tobin!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Tahnee Willingale** for great PE this week as part of our Brave Little Bears to the Rescue topic. Well done Tahnee!

#### Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say well done to **Noah Fenly** for taking pride in his work with fantastic handwriting and presentation. Great work Noah!

#### Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Dylan Robson** for beautiful singing in assembly and trying really hard with his Maths. Well done Dylan!

#### Miss Nattrass' Year 3/4 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Jenson Richardson** for his amazing spelling and showing a great improvement in writing. Well done Jenson.

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



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Autumn Pomfret** for writing a wonderful character description in her literacy work this week. Well done Autumn!

#### Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like to congratulate **Sophie Howe** for always persevering and trying her best, particularly in maths problem solving. Keep up the hard work Sophie!



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

