



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ Children in Need total;
- ◆ Christmas Performance arrangements;
- ◆ Children's Flu vaccinations.

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Please send Tempest Photograph orders to school by Monday lunchtime;
- ◆ Return Christmas performance ticket requests.

Thank you to all those who got involved with our Children in Need events last Friday. Everyone had a lovely day in school and we raised a grand total of **£167.40** for Children in Need.

The month of November seems to have flown by and our thoughts in school now turn to Christmas and all the fantastic events and activities that the season brings. Although we have lots organised during the next four weeks, we still work very hard to ensure high quality learning is taking place in classrooms, particularly in the core areas of reading, writing and maths. This year, children finish for the end of term on **Thursday 20 December**, which gives us lots of time to fit in all the events we have planned.

As mentioned a few weeks ago in the newsletter, we continue to run two school Christmas productions - one for the Early Years / Key Stage 1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) which will take place on **Wednesday 12 December at 9.45am and 1.45pm**; the other for Key Stage 2 which will run at **1.45pm and 6pm on Tuesday 11 December**. Due to fire regulations, we have space for just over 150 people for each performance in the main hall, and with our school roll rising now to over 160 pupils including Nursery, we feel we would struggle to fit everyone in the hall if we were to put on one whole school performance that involved all children. Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 will be performing a traditional nativity whilst Key Stage 2 children will be performing a Christmas play entitled 'Stable Boy'.

Attached to today's newsletter is a form asking families to decide which shows they wish to attend and the number of tickets they require for each show. Please return this to school as soon as possible, as tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Each family requesting tickets will be initially allocated two tickets. Any remaining tickets will then be distributed amongst families who have requested more than two tickets. Tickets will be sent out over the next few weeks and please note, you must have a ticket to be able to watch the performances. Thank you for your co-operation with this and we look forward to our Christmas performances this year!

You will recall in October that I wrote to parents of children from Reception to Year 5 regarding the School Nurse Team visiting our school to administer the flu vaccination for children who they have received consent to do this for. The date for this to take place has now been confirmed as Friday 14 December. This NHS / Public Health England approved vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children and is given via a quick and simple spray up the nose. Thank you to the many parents who have already signed up for this online. If you would like your child to receive this and have not yet signed up, please visit the link below to consent for your child (one for each child) to receive their flu vaccine on 14th December. Please visit:

www.hdft.nhs.uk/nasalflu-consent

You will be asked to enter a secure school code:

Code : 28864

If you have any questions or do not have internet access to complete the form, please do not hesitate to contact the School Nurse Team on: 0300 0030 013

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!



Pupil Absence and Illness

Over the last few weeks, a number of children from across school have been absent due to a range of ailments including seasonal coughs, colds and sickness bugs.

You will know that as a school, we encourage all children to have good attendance. However if your child is poorly and cannot attend school, it is really important that they are fully recovered before they are sent back to school. We have had a number of children recently, who have returned to school before they have fully recovered from illness and have had to be sent home again, as they are not well enough to remain in school.

Can I also remind parents of the 48 hour policy we have in place linked to vomiting and diarrhoea. Children should not be sent back to school until 48 hours after their last episode of sickness/diarrhoea. This policy is in place for the interests of all pupils and staff, to prevent the spread of germs and sickness across school.

We fully understand that children will get sick from time to time and would appreciate it if you continue to let us know why your child is absent on the first day of absence and keep us informed as to how they are getting on, if the absence is more longer-term. We have also recently upgraded our telephone system to give parents the chance to leave a voice message to let us know that their child is absent.

Thank you for your support with this.



Tempest Photographs

Individual and family school photographs were taken last week and your child will have brought home a 'proof' of their photos for you to see. We would really like to get your ordered photos back to you before we break up for Christmas, so if you would like to make an order and haven't done so yet, please return the completed order form and money to Mrs Campbell by Monday lunchtime next week, (26th November) as we will be sending the order in Monday's post after school.

TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY

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 **Nieve Galvin** for displaying great knowledge and understanding whilst role playing in the toy hospital. Well done Nieve!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Keith Young** for his fantastic role play in the 'toy hospital' throughout the week. Great work Keith!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say well done to **Lexi Gardiner** for her improved confidence when talking to an audience. Well done Lexi!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Evie Cooper** for settling really well into school and using good expression in her reading. Great work Evie!

Miss Natrass' Year 3/4 Class



Miss Natrass is delighted with **Finley Abbott** for working hard to improve his hand writing and amazing contributions to science lessons. Well done Finley!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Cameron Kell** for his excellent work completing long multiplication methods in Maths. Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with you Cameron!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like to congratulate **Thomas Wright-Pickles** for putting huge effort into his Michael Morpurgo biography. Great work Thomas!



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

