



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ Nursery Ofsted Inspection Report;
- ◆ After school clubs;
- ◆ Arrangements in the event of adverse weather.

### Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for cold weather.

We are now at the end of the second week of term and everyone is now back in the routine of school life. As I have walked around school and spoken to children, I have been really impressed with their positive attitudes, excellent manners and enthusiasm when telling me about the learning that has been taking place in their classrooms. We have some exciting events coming up this term, including a selection of educational visits to support our curriculum.

The first piece of good news this week is that we have recently received our Ofsted Report for our nursery facility, Howden le Wear Pre-School Ltd. Our Nursery was inspected in December 2018 under the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and we are delighted with the overall judgement of 'Good' in all areas. The report is a pleasure to read and gives a great representation of our staff commitment to providing the best quality of care and education for our young children. The outcome is also particularly pleasing, given that Mrs Wheatley remains on sickness absence leave and Mrs Hardy in her role as interim Nursery Manager had only been in post for a short amount of time before the inspection took place. I am sure you will join me in congratulating nursery staff on this recent success and we continue to develop all areas of our provision to ensure it is the best that it can be. Should you wish to read the report in detail, it is now available to view and download online at:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/EY376769>

Our After School Clubs for this half term have been very well received with the majority of clubs being full from the first week back in school. Multi-skills for Year 1 & 2 children on Monday, sees children learning skills for a range of different games and sports; whilst on Thursday, Mrs Salkeld launched her Drama Club which will work towards putting on a school production in the future. In addition to this, are a whole host of great clubs for children to get involved in from Monday to Thursday after school. We are aware that sometimes clubs very quickly get over subscribed and we intend to look at how we can provide wider access to all, particularly in Key Stage 1, so that children have the chance to experience a range of after school clubs over the academic year. In the meantime, if you would like to check on club availability this half term, please see Mrs Campbell in the school office.

You will have noticed this week that the weather has seen temperatures drop and a little snow and ice, which is set to continue in the coming weeks. Also, last year we had a few days where school was disrupted as a result of heavy snowfall across the North of England. If this were to occur again, it is important that everyone is aware of the systems we have in place to keep parents and families informed. Should we experience adverse weather in the coming weeks / months, school will contact parents through the Text 2 Parents service and updates will be posted on the school website. We will endeavour to inform parents as early in the day as possible, if school is to be affected and would appreciate it if parents could support one another, by passing these messages around when they are received.

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 for Spring 2019

**Spring 1 Half Term Begins:** Monday 7 January 2019  
**School Closes for Half Term:** Friday 15 February at 3.05pm  
**Spring 2 Half Term Begins:** Monday 25 February at 8.45am  
**Thursday 7 March** – World Book Day  
**Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 March** – Whole School Parents' Consultation Evenings  
**Friday 15 March** – Comic Relief Day  
**Wednesday 27 March** – Mother's Day Lunch in school  
**Tuesday 2 April** – Easter Service at Howden le Wear Methodist Chapel  
**Thursday 4 April** – Easter activities in school.  
**School Closes for Easter holidays:** Friday 5 April 2019 at 3.05pm

### Football Success

Huge congratulations to our football team who played on Wednesday evening in the Parkside Primary Football League. Our team played two matches, the first against Stanhope Barrington winning 9 –0 and the second against Stanley (Crook) winning 2 - 0. This is a fantastic achievement and helps to enhance our position in the Parkside league table. Thank you to Mr Sparks and Mrs M Clark for accompanying the children and a big well done to our players:

**Kieran Prest, Callum Pedelty, Toby Gardiner, Lewis Chadwick, Indie Ash, Luke Thompson, Joe Mekatoo and Finley Hall.**



### 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 being a kind and caring friend to others in Nursery. Well done, Nieve!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Thomas Mason** for being an amazing scientist and conducting his own investigations. Fantastic effort, Thomas!

#### Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say well done to **Jack Young** for his great improvements in writing and his wonderful manners. Amazing news, Jack!

#### Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Finnlay Winter** for his excellent effort when editing his writing. Great work, Finnlay!

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



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Roxy Cannon** for her brilliant progress in maths and her self-editing skills in her writing. Keep up the hard work, Roxy!

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



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Nathan Webster** for his boundless enthusiasm, particularly when choreographing his dance sequence in PE. Great news, Nathan!

#### Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like to congratulate **Lucie Underwood** for her fantastic effort in all subjects, especially in maths and PE. Fabulous work, Lucie!



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

