



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ New School Council chosen;
- ◆ Sports Leaders and Playground Buddies;
- ◆ Can your child use cutlery correctly?

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Meet the Teacher Meetings - see below for dates /times;
- ◆ Bumped Head wristbands given out from this week.

This week, children have been voting for our new School Council members for the academic year. The process began with nominations in each class, where children put themselves forward to take on the role. This followed with children addressing their class and explaining to them why they would like to be a School Council member and outlining the skills and qualities they have to be successful in the job. The class then voted on who they would like to see as School Council representative. The votes were counted for each year group and the following children have been voted as School Council members for 2018-19. They are:

Reception - Tahnee Willingale

Year 2 - Amelia Todd

Year 4 - Ruby Nolan (for Y3/4 class)

Year 4 - Lexi Slater (for Y4/5 class)

Year 5 - Holly Featonby

Year 6 - Rhys Lowes

Year 1 - Lexi Gardiner

Year 3 - Finley Abbott

Year 6 - Huw Halliley



The School Council will act as the main pupil voice of the school. Miss Barton will be leading School Council this year and will organise regular meetings to discuss issues that the children want to raise. Please encourage your child to know the name of their class School Council member and for children to talk to them about issues they would like raising at our meetings. The School Council will also aim to write a regular report on their activities for our school newsletter to keep everyone up to date.

Thank you to those parents who attended Mrs Salkeld's and Miss Natrass' Year 3/4/5 'Meet the Teacher' meetings in school on Tuesday and Thursday this week. I hope you found the information provided useful and if you have any queries about any aspect of your child's education in Years 3, 4 or 5, please do see Mrs Salkeld or Miss Natrass, who will be happy to assist. Following on from this, Miss Barton's meeting is on Monday at 3.15pm; Mrs Craig's Reception meeting is on Tuesday at 2.30pm (please come to the main entrance to enter school); whilst Mrs Gray will host her meeting on Tuesday at 3.15pm for Year 2 parents, followed by Mrs Clark for Year 6 parents on Wednesday at 3.15pm.

So far this academic year, all of our children have settled very quickly into the routines of school life and there is a lovely positive atmosphere for learning around school. The behaviour of pupils has been exemplary and the new learning environments created over the summer are really helping to support the high quality work of both children and staff. One aspect that we have identified as a whole school priority this year, links to our lunchtimes and supporting children using a knife, fork and spoon correctly to eat their meals. We are encouraging children to hold the fork in their left hand, knife in the right and to cut their food with the knife before adding it to the fork to eat. This is being delivered through specific lessons led by teachers in class along with regular reminders and modelling of using cutlery by lunchtime staff. We would be very grateful if this could be reinforced at home by parents and we will be giving out rewards to children who show us they are doing a great job using their cutlery properly over the coming term.

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!



Sports Leaders and Playtime Buddies Announced

Since returning to school after the holidays, children have been applying to become one of our school Sports Leaders or a Playground Buddy. Both roles hold responsibility for supporting and helping children across school during playtimes and lunchtimes, as well as during lessons. Thank you to all those who applied. Below are photos and lists of the successful applicants in each category.



Sports Leaders:

Scarlett Shield, Lewis Wood, Fearnie Abbott, Finley Hall, Toby Gardiner, Charlie Gilloway, Callum Pedelty, Rachel Jones, Chloe Demeyre, Lucie Underwood, Joe Mekatoa, Teegan Adamson, Kieran Prest, Robyn Donegan and Sophie Howe.

Playground Buddies:

Millie Box, Katie Pratt, Chloe Underwood, Roxy Cannon, Abbie White, Alisi Mekatoa, Ruby Nolan, Lexi Slater, Ben Plews, Jordan James Bell, Holly Featonby, Elizabeth Ritchie, Nathan Webster, Lillie Allport and Mica Rouse.



Bumped Head Wristbands

This week we have introduced 'Bumped Head' wristbands which will be put on the wrist of children who have had a minor bump to the head. It is intended to act as a visual aid to remind teachers to pass on this information at the end of the school day and for parents so they are aware and can talk to their child about the incident. To reiterate, these will be distributed by staff for very minor head bumps, where there is no lump or cut to the skin and we feel parents do not need to be informed immediately. In more serious incidents, we will continue to always contact parents via phone/text to relay this information.



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 **Lailah-Mae Longstaff** for her beautiful manners at snack time. Well done Lailah-Mae!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Bella-Rae Bennett** for her beautiful reading throughout the week. Keep up the hard work Bella-Rae!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say well done to **Hugo Morton** for his wonderfully polite manners in school and always following instructions. Great work Hugo!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Imogen Seaton** for her amazing writing and punctuation as part of her recount writing this week. Well done Imogen!

Miss Nattrass' Year 3/4 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Adyn Mawson** for persevering when completing really hard work and having a very positive attitude in school. Great work Adyn!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Elizabeth Ritchie** for her excellent concentration, positive work ethic and attitude in school. Well done Elizabeth! Mrs Salkeld is really proud of you!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like a special mention for **Joe Mekatoa** for working so hard in maths and putting 100% effort into all he has done this week. Great work Joe!



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

