



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ World Book Day Celebrations;
- ◆ Scholastic Book Fair;
- ◆ Spring Term Parents' Evening.

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ World Book Day - Thursday 7 March;
- ◆ Scholastic Book Fair from next Monday;
- ◆ Comic Relief Noses on sale;
- ◆ Return Mother's Day Lunch forms.

Welcome back to school after the half term break. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead as we move towards Easter and we begin next week with World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. As you will be aware, we celebrate this day every year in school, to promote a love of reading in all its forms. Next Thursday, we are encouraging children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or alternatively children can wear onesies or pyjamas if they wish, but, most importantly, they need to bring their favourite book to school with them.

We are organising a number of events in school to celebrate World Book Day which include children 'sending a story around the school.' This involves (starting at Reception) each class writing a little bit of a story, then passing it on to the next class to add the next part and so on, until all classes have contributed to one big story. We will then be sharing the story with the whole school on Friday morning. Also, children and teachers will be decorating their classroom doors to create a class story door of their chosen book.

Finally on the theme of reading and World Book Day, we welcome our Scholastic Book Fair into school from Monday afternoon until the end of the week. As always, there will be a wide range of books on sale for children of all ages and for every book purchased, school receives a percentage of the sale to spend on books that go directly into classrooms and the school library. The book fair will be open at morning playtime and after school every day, and through the World Book Day initiative, every child will receive a World Book Day token entitling them to £1.00 off the cost of a book which can be used at the book fair. Please find your child's World Book Day token attached to today's newsletter.

As a school, we are always looking at how we can enhance children's learning experiences both in the classroom and at home. In recent years, we have introduced online resources such as Accelerated Reader and Lexia that have proven very popular with children and families. To further add to these, we have now purchased two new screen based learning resources called Mathletics and Spellodrome. As can be gleaned from the titles, they focus on developing children's maths and spelling skills and are accessed through a laptop, PC or tablet devices. Teachers will be able to use these to support learning in class and be able to set homework for children to complete online. On Monday afternoon next week, we are having a launch assembly in school and shortly after, children will be given their log in details for each resource. We also hope to host some parents' sessions in the near future, to show parents around the resources to better support their children using them at home. I very much believe that screen based learning has a big place in children's educational development for the future and we look to take advantage of this whenever suitable resources become available. Thank you for supporting your child to complete Mathletics and Spellodrome tasks when they become up and running in school.

Finally, Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March are our Parents' Consultation Evenings for the Spring Term. Letters will be distributed next week so you can book appointments. Please return forms as soon as possible to secure your preferred appointment time.

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!



Mother's Day Lunch

Our annual Mother's Day Lunch will this year take place on Wednesday 27 March. Today your child will be bringing home a letter and menu for the event. For those who don't know, every year we invite Mums and Grandmothers into school to have lunch with their child/children to celebrate Mother's Day. Lunch costs £2.50 per adult and if you would like to attend, we ask that you return the form by Monday 11 March. This is always a hugely popular event where over 200 meals need to be prepared by our kitchen staff, so we need to know numbers early to ensure the kitchen can fully prepare for the day. We look forward to a lovely Mother's Day lunch in a few weeks time.

ParentPay

Thank you to everyone who has set up a Parentpay account and is now using this facility to pay for goods and services in school. Feedback from parents so far has been very positive and I hope you are finding the system easy and convenient to use. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the Parentpay system, please see Mrs Campbell in the school office.



Comic Relief Day 2019—Red Noses Now on Sale!

The events in school come thick and fast in March every year! In a fortnight's time on **Friday 15 March** it will be Comic Relief Day and we are delighted to have on sale in school the official Comic Relief Red Noses. Each nose costs £1.25 and there are 11 designs to find and collect this year, all in their own special boxes including a rare green nose and an even rarer nose designed by a UK school pupil! We have four boxes of noses to sell and they will be sold on a first come first served basis from the main office, so we encourage you to buy one sooner rather than later, as they are expected to sell out quickly.



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 **Katie Harris** for displaying great confidence when coming to nursery and when talking in a small group. Well done Katie!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Joshua Gardiner** for perseverance and safety when using tools during Forest School sessions. Well done Joshua!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say well done to **Archie Greenwood** for showing a great attitude towards his work in school. Well done Archie!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Sophia Clark** for her amazing newspaper reports on the Great Fire of London. Well done Sophia!

Miss Nattrass' Year 3/4 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Darcy Smith** for her wonderful handwriting and fantastic enthusiasm during French lessons. Great work Darcy!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Kharis Fairest** for improved handwriting and for writing a really good persuasive letter this week. Great work Kharis!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like to congratulate **Charlie Gilloway** for excellent contributions in Guided Reading sessions. Super work Charlie!



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

