



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ School governor vacancy;
- ◆ Reminder about PE kit /school shoes.

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ School is closed on Monday for May Bank Holiday.

This week, I have seen lots of learning taking place across school and have been really pleased with the way children have been engaged, focused and have a genuine desire to try their best to achieve highly. Teachers and teaching assistants are working hard to support and enhance pupils' learning experiences and the quality of work being produced across school is of a high standard. Well done to all our children for their continued commitment to giving 100% in school!

As you will be aware, our school governing body has a crucial role in the running of the school and helps to make decisions about the strategic direction of the school for the benefit of all our children. The governing body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. It carries out its role by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The governing body of our school is made up of parent governors, staff governors and co-opted governors who live / work within our community.

For those who are interested, a vacancy has arisen for a **parent governor** and we would be delighted to receive nominations from yourself as a parent or someone you know with parental responsibility for a child in school. Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Firstly, governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved; which is attending approximately two meetings per term in school. Governors also need what are known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question and to make connections between different types of information.

If you would like to find out more about the parent governor role, please contact me in school and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have or alternatively, I could put you in contact with other governors who would talk to you about what the role is like and what it involves.

If you would like to put yourself forward for nomination or know someone who you would like to nominate for the role of parent governor, please see myself or Mrs Campbell in the school office by **Friday 17 May**.

Finally, the May Bank Holiday is upon us this weekend and as a result, children are not in school on Monday next week. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday morning.

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>

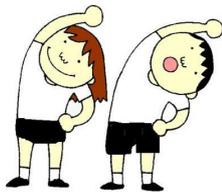
Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!



Shoes / PE Kit Reminder

Could we please remind parents that children need to have a PE kit in school throughout the week, so teachers can utilise our large school field. Also, could parents please ensure children have the correct footwear in school. Black shoes or black trainers are a requirement in our school uniform policy and we have recently noticed a number of children attending school in a variety of different footwear.

Thank you for supporting us with this.



Attendance Reminder

Please ensure children continue to have good attendance and punctuality in school as we head through the Summer Term. We aim for children to have at least a 95% attendance percentage over the academic year and there is considerable evidence to show that children who lose time from school, do not do as well as children with good attendance.

Thank you for your continued support to help your child be in school on time every day.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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 **Nathaniel Merchant** for his fantastic retelling of the story of the Three Little Pigs. Well done Nathaniel!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Riley Bell** for his great construction role play outside. Riley has been using a wide range of materials to create some amazing designs. Great work Riley!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say well done to **Rachel Tennick** for being a caring and helpful member of Year 1. Super effort Rachel!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **William Grafton** for giving 100% in all that he does. William is a very hard worker and Mrs Gray is really proud of him!

Miss Nattrass' Year 3/4 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Ruby Proud** for settling in really well since joining school last week and for all the hard work she has completed in this time. Welcome to Howden Ruby and keep up the great work!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Cameron Kell** for his excellent effort, concentration and focus during all lessons. You are a brilliant role model to others Cameron!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like to congratulate **Callum Pedelty** for having a fantastic attitude towards his learning and demonstrating great maturity in school. Amazing effort Callum!



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

