



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ Providing feedback to school via Parentview;
- ◆ Halloween Party Afternoon.

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Contact us to book an appointment if you could not make parents evening this week.

Thank you to all those who attended last Friday's Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - we hope you enjoyed your visit to school. There was a vast array of cakes and sweet treats donated by parents, staff and community members; so much so, that we continued to sell cakes at the end of the school day on Monday. I am delighted to let you know that we raised **£217.00** for a very worthwhile cause. Thank you for your support with this if you donated a cake or attended the event.



Thank you also to everyone who attended our parent consultation evenings this week. I hope you found the meetings with your child's class teacher useful and feel that you have an understanding of the progress they have made since returning to school in September and their areas for development. For those who were unable to attend, please get in touch and we will be pleased to offer you a chance to meet with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time in the near future.

Feedback about the work we do in school is really important to us and I have been delighted to read the comments parents left on their parents' evening questionnaires. ParentView is another way you can have your say on the school your child attends and is available to complete on the Ofsted website. ParentView was set up to give parents/carers the chance to tell Ofsted what they think about the school their child attends. The online questionnaire asks for views on 12 aspects of our school from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying. Ofsted will then use the information you provide to make decisions about school inspections and overall school performance. I would be most grateful if over the coming days, as many parents/carers as possible sign up and complete the questionnaire. The ParentView website can be found at:



<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

As we head into Autumn, traditionally the number of children who are absent from school due to illness, increases. We would be extremely grateful if parents/carers could let school know on the first day of absence why their child will not be in school for that day and keep us informed of how the child is doing if the absence is for more than two days. By doing this, we can mark in the register the exact reason for a child's absence and will not have to bother you with phone calls at the start of the school day, to find the reason for the absence.

We have a busy couple of weeks coming up in school to take us into the Autumn half term break. Our Harvest Festival will take place in the Howden le Wear Methodist Chapel on **Tuesday 16 October at 9.30am**. Children will lead the event explaining the meaning of harvest through a range of poems, performances and songs. All parents and family members are welcome to attend. To accompany this, we always run a Harvest Food Collection where we invite children and families to donate tins, packets and jars of non-perishable foods. These can be brought to Mrs Campbell in the school office over the next week and we will make up some hampers to donate to the Salvation Army food bank in Crook. Thank you for your help with this.

Finally, on the reverse of today's newsletter is information about our Halloween Party afternoon which we are hosting on **Tuesday 30 October** - the first day back in school after the half term holiday; along with information about the Village Hall Society Defibrillator Appeal which is ongoing in the village at the moment.

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!



Halloween Disco / Party Afternoon

In a change to recent years, we are planning to host a whole school **Halloween Party Afternoon on Tuesday 30th October** - the first day back at school after the half term holiday. This change from the normal after-school Halloween Disco has come about due to the unavailability of the DJ/equipment to run the disco after school, either on Tuesday 30th or Halloween night itself, Wednesday 31st. So instead, we have organised for a disco/party on the Tuesday afternoon for all children between 1pm and 3pm. Normally, this event would raise money for the Friends of the School through ticket sales. However, due to this taking place in the school day, we feel ticketing would not be appropriate. There will be no charge to children for the party afternoon, but if you would like to make a voluntary donation towards the event, all money raised will be donated to the Village Hall Defibrillator Appeal as mentioned below. Alongside the disco/party, children will receive refreshments during the afternoon. Halloween Fancy Dress is of course, recommended, but not essential. Any fancy dress to be worn, can be brought into school for children to change into at lunchtime on the Tuesday. We look forward to a great party afternoon on the first day back after half term.



Village Hall Society Defibrillator Appeal

You may be aware that the Village Hall Society are currently raising money for a defibrillator to be located outside the village hall for the benefit of all village residents. The target amount is £2500, with the total raised so far standing at £1,678. As part of our school contribution to this, our service collection at the Harvest Festival in a few weeks' time will be towards the Defibrillator appeal. If you wish to donate in advance of this, we are happy to pass any donations on to the Village Hall Society through school. There are also collection boxes in the One Stop Shop, Chambers' Butchers, The Australian Pub, Meraky Hair Lab and Bridge End Garage. **Thank you for your support with this.**

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 **Liberty Miller Gray** for following the rules really well in our multi-skills session this week. Great job Liberty!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Finley Stewart** for the care and concentration he showed when making his puppet in school this week. Great work Finley!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say well done to **Ronnie Cass** for her good manners and excellent work throughout the week. Amazing effort Ronnie!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Evie Bennett** for displaying excellent subject knowledge at Beamish and asking brilliant questions. Well done Evie!

Miss Nattrass' Year 3/4 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Brogan-Leigh Dowson** for always challenging herself and being a hard-working, polite member of the class. Fabulous effort Brogan-Leigh!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Luke Thompson** for writing a superb setting description based on Ancient Greece. Excellent work Luke!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like a special mention for **Rachel Jones** for her outstanding creative writing and amazing problem solving in maths. Great work Rachel!



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

