



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ School places for September 2020;
- ◆ European Day of Languages;
- ◆ Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.

### Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ European Day of Languages next Thursday;
- ◆ McMillan Coffee Afternoon from 2pm on Friday which will include Celebration Assembly.

Although it is early in the academic year, our Year 6 families are already thinking about which secondary school they would like their child to attend from September 2020. The process has started over the last few weeks with visits from Headteachers and Senior Leaders from local secondary schools, including Parkside and Wolsingham, to let children know all about what their schools have to offer.

Choosing your child's secondary school is an important decision that will have an impact on the rest of their lives - so it is vital that parents/carers know all the facts about each available school before they make their final choice. Parents' Open Evenings are organised at each of our local secondary schools to help parents and children get a feel for each establishment, but should you require any further help in either completing the admissions form or would like further information about a school, please do get in touch and I will contact the relevant people who can answer your queries.

In terms of child admissions to our school for next year, if you have a child who is due to start school in September 2020, you will need to complete an application form provided by the Local Authority. The easiest way to do this is online: [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions). If however, you cannot access the Council website, please contact the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896 who will send you paper copies. Applications for Reception places are open from now until midnight on **Wednesday 15 January 2018**.

Thursday 26 September next week is the official European Day of Languages which we celebrate annually in school. The broad aims of the day are to alert children and parents to the importance of language learning; promote the rich cultural diversity of Europe and encourage lifelong language learning both in and out of school. We will be celebrating the European Day of Languages in school with a full day of events taking place in each class. This will begin with a whole school assembly on the different cultures of Europe. Each class has then chosen a particular country of Europe to study across the day. Early Years children will be learning about Portugal; Year 1 children about Spain and Year 2 children about Holland. In Key Stage 2, Year 3 children will be focusing on Italy; Year 4/5 children learning about Germany and finally, Year 6 children will be finding out about France. We look forward to a great day and encourage you to take the time to talk to your child on Thursday evening about what they have learned at school as part of the European Day of Languages. Should you wish to know more about the event and challenge your children with language based activities and games, please go to the following website:

<http://edl.ecml.at/>

Please be informed that Parents' Consultations this term have been organised for **Monday 30 September and Tuesday 1 October** from 3.30pm - 6pm each day. We continue to hold meetings over two days to increase opportunities for parents to attend and to ensure teachers / parents have an adequate amount of time to meet and discuss their child's attainment and progress. A letter will be sent out over the coming week giving parents the opportunity to book appointments. Please send your completed forms back into school and an appointment time will be allocated to you.

Finally, you will recall last week we held a Sports Kit / Fun Run event in support of Mrs Chillingworth, a parent in school, who ran the Great North Run in aid of the Henry Dancer Days charity. As a result of contributions provided by children and families, we raised a wonderful £123.00 that, when added to Mrs Chillingworth's own fundraising, takes her sponsorship total to over £1400.00! Mrs Chillingworth and the Henry Dancer Days charity would like to say a huge thank you for contributing to this amazing total that will go directly to supporting children with primary bone cancer and their families.

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!



### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Next Friday afternoon we are hosting a Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Afternoon in school. The event will start at 2pm in the hall where a range of refreshments and cakes will be on sale. We also announced in the newsletter a few weeks ago, that if anyone would like to run a stall of crafts they produce, then they are welcome to get in touch and we will help facilitate this for a small contribution to Macmillan.

At 2.20pm, parents and guests can watch our weekly Celebration Assembly and hear a little about the work completed for European Day of Languages before having more refreshments, cake and chat with others before collecting children at 3.05pm. We hope as many parents and family members as possible choose to join us. Even if you can't make it for 2.15pm, please drop in at the end of the school day when I am sure there will still be cakes and biscuits on sale.

If you wish to make a donation of a cake, cupcakes or biscuits for the Coffee Afternoon, these will be gratefully received on Thursday or Friday next week.

**Thank you and we look forward to seeing you next Friday!**



### School Notices

**Playtime Snacks:** Could parents please ensure that if they are providing their child with a mid-morning playtime snack, it is a healthy option such as a piece of fruit. Thank you for your support with this.

**PACT Meeting:** Our monthly Police and Community Meeting will be held in school next Wednesday 25 September at 6.30pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing as many community members as possible and light refreshments will be available from 6.15pm.

**Key Stage 2 Parents:** We kindly request that parents of children in Key Stage 2 do not enter school from the playground for any reason at the start of the school day. If messages need to be passed on to teachers, this can be done via the school office.

### 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:

#### Miss Atkinson's Nursery



Miss Atkinson would like to congratulate **Rosie Stephenson** for identifying the initial letter of her name on signs during our village walk on Tuesday. Well done, Rosie!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Jack Spensley** for the fantastic observations he discussed with staff on the village walk earlier this week. Great work, Jack!

#### Mrs Gray's Year 1 Class



Mrs Gray would like to say well done to **Amelia Ward** for her excellent number work in Maths throughout the week. Super effort, Amelia!

#### Mrs Salkeld's Year 2 Class



Mrs Salkeld would like a special mention to **Rachael Tennick** for being really helpful and supporting her classmates in lesson this week. Good job, Rachael!

#### Miss Natrass' Year 3 Class



Miss Natrass is really pleased with **Bethany Spindley** for her amazing effort in all subjects and challenging herself in Maths. Excellent work, Bethany!

#### Miss Barton's Year 4/5 Class



Miss Barton is delighted with **Ruby Proud** for the resilient attitude she has shown towards her work in school this week. Keep up the good work, Ruby!

#### Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class



Mrs Clark would like to congratulate **Lexi Slater** for completing all her work on time and to the best of her ability. Fantastic effort, Lexi!



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

