



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8 October 2021

In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ **Beamish Museum visit;**
- ◆ **Gold Medal Success for Ruby!**

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ **Please book a Parents' Evening appointment for next Monday/ Tuesday;**
- ◆ **Order school photos online at www.tempest-orders.co.uk**

On Tuesday this week, our Year 4/5 and 5/6 classes visited Beamish Museum as part of their curriculum work on World War 2. Sadly, as you will know, the weather on Tuesday provided heavy downpours all over the region which was certainly not ideal for a visit to an outdoor museum! However, despite the weather, both classes made the most of the day and enjoyed visiting the 1940s farm, pit cottages and the schoolroom, as well as writing letters home as if they were evacuees. My thanks to the staff and parent volunteers for looking after the children so well throughout the day - everyone was certainly pleased to have a hot chocolate when they returned to school! Below are some pictures of the visit:



We also received some fantastic news this week about the sporting successes of **Ruby** who is in our Year 5/6 class. Last weekend, Ruby competed in the British Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling National Age Group Competition, which took place in Telford, West Midlands. Being a national competition, the best athletes in trampolining and tumbling were present from all over the country and as a result, it was a tightly fought competition. Ruby was competing against 31 other girls in her tumbling age group category and began by progressing through the qualifying stages to the final. In the final, there were eight athletes taking part and it all came down to one final run. For the final run Ruby performed a 'double tuck' which she had never even attempted before in previous competitions! She landed cleanly with both feet, gaining an excellent score from the judges and was awarded 1st place, taking home the gold medal and making her 9 -10 year old age group national tumbling champion. Huge congratulations to Ruby and her family for her success last weekend - we are delighted to have a national tumbling champion in school!



Thank you to everyone who has booked an appointment for Parents' Evening next Monday / Tuesday on School Cloud. If you haven't had the chance to do so yet, there are still appointments available and we encourage all parents / carers to book an appointment for this so they can get feedback on the start their children have made to the new school year. Appointments are 8 minutes in length and can be booked via our School Cloud booking page at <https://howdenlewear.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Today, your child had their individual school photograph taken and where applicable, family photos with brothers and sisters in other classes. Tonight, children will be bringing home a 'proof' of the photographs taken for you to view and decide whether you wish to purchase. We have deliberately changed the date for photos to earlier in the term, giving good time for purchases to be delivered back to school, knowing that many of you like to give photos to family members as Christmas gifts. If you would like to purchase photographs, please order and pay for them online from Tempest directly, as per the instructions included on the photo proof sheet. If ordered within the next two weeks postage is free and photographs will be delivered back to school before being distributed to parents.

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!



Village Hall Children's Halloween Party

Halloween is fast approaching and I'm sure many of you will be organising costumes and spooky events to take place during half term week.

We are delighted to let you know that a Halloween Party is being organised for children between 5yrs and 10yrs old on **Saturday 30 October from 6.30pm to 8pm** in the Village Hall. At the party, children need to be accompanied by a parent / carer through-out and fancy dress is encouraged.

Entry to the party is by ticket only with parents needing to visit the Village Hall in person, between **2pm and 4pm next Thursday 14 October**, where tickets will be available to collect.

We hope everyone who attends has a great time!



COVID-19 School Protocol Reminder

If your child shows signs or symptoms of Covid-19, we continue to stress that children do not attend school. A PCR test should then be booked at the earliest opportunity at one of the many 'walk in' or 'drive through' testing centres across the region. There is also the option to have a PCR test sent to your home. You can book this online, through the NHS Covid-19 app or by calling 119.

Following a PCR test, those with symptoms then need to continue to self-isolate whilst awaiting the result of the PCR test. Any unvaccinated adults living in the household should also self-isolate whilst awaiting the result of the PCR test, unless they are exempt from this.

Thank you for your support with this.

Parents Consultation Meeting

One of the outcomes of the recent Parents' Meeting for our school proposal to join ALP Multi Academy Trust was for parents to have the chance to meet with our Chair of Governors and Mr Baines to ask any additional questions they may have. This meeting has now been organised for **Thursday 14 October at 3.30pm** in the school hall.

We look forward to seeing parents at the meeting.

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 **Reid** for having a fantastic attitude in school and trying his best in everything he does. Well done, Reid!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Leah** for her growing confidence and enthusiasm in all the activities in school this week. Great work, Leah!

Mrs Sheard's Year 1 Class



Mrs Sheard would like to say a huge congratulations to **Elliott** for being an amazing detective and using the evidence to help solve the crime committed by Goldilocks in the Y1 classroom! Amazing skills, Elliott!

Mrs Gray's Year 2/3 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Leon** for working hard, being helpful and kind - and for generally being an amazing classmate to everyone. Fantastic news, Leon!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Jesse** for showing excellent independence and completing great maths work this week. Excellent job, Jesse!

Miss Nattrass' Year 4/5 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **William** for his mature and positive attitude towards his learning and for being an excellent role model every day - but particularly during our school trip this week. Brilliant effort, William!

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class



Congratulations to **Amelia** for always working hard and showing an amazing attitude to all of her learning, especially in her efforts to improve her reading at home. Fabulous work, Amelia!



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

