



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 26 November 2021

#### In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ Update on Christmas events;
- ◆ Christmas Raffle;
- ◆ Christmas Card design success for Noah.

#### Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Professional Development Day on Monday 29 November - no children in school.

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who got involved with our Children in Need events last Friday. Despite having some children in school and others learning remotely at home, we had lots of activities taking place to support this very worthy cause and managed to raise a grand total of **£156.00** for Children in Need.

The month of November seems to have flown by and our thoughts in school now turn to Christmas and all the events and activities that the season brings. However, this year we face the added difficulty of not having a school hall in which to host events due to last week's flood. As a result, we unfortunately cannot perform Christmas productions in school, or indeed any other large scale events, simply because we do not have the space available to do this. We are however, exploring the use of other venues in our village such as the Village Hall and will hopefully be able to use such a space for our children to either video or live stream performances to families at home. We still intend to have three performances - Nursery, Reception and Year 1; Year 2/3 and Year 3/4 and finally Year 4/5 and Year 5/6. More information on how and when these will take place will be provided next week when arrangements are finalised.

We also cannot have a Christmas Fair in school this year and instead would like to organise a 'Christmas Raffle' with all money raised going to the Friends of the School. The first prize will be a fantastic **£100 cash** along with a selection of other hamper prizes. As always, we are very appreciative of prize donations, so if you are able to contribute items such as bottles, bathroom products, chocolates or if you know anyone in business who may be able to offer vouchers or freebies to support the raffle, all donations will be gratefully received.

Raffle tickets will cost **£1.00 each** and go on sale from **Wednesday 1st December** and you can buy as many tickets as you wish. All payments for tickets are to be made through Parentpay and when we have received your payment, we will allocate you a selection of numbers up to the value of your payment e.g. £5.00 will buy you five tickets. Ticket numbers will be randomly generated and we will let you know what your numbers are by text. Ticket sales will close at 3pm on Wednesday 14 December with the draw taking place on **Thursday 15th December**. All numbers will be placed in a box and the numbers drawn in front of children and staff with the lucky winners being notified to collect their prize from the main office. We look forward to organising the raffle in the coming weeks and thank you in advance for your prize donations and purchase of tickets.

Sticking with the Christmas theme, you may recall a few weeks ago, children were set the challenge to design a Christmas Card that would be used by Richard Holden MP, Member of Parliament for South West Durham, as his official Christmas Card for 2021. We received lots of entries in school and over 300 designs were submitted from children across the constituency. We were delighted to learn this week that **Noah F**, who is in our Year 4/5 class, had his design reach the final shortlist of possible winners and was announced as a runner up. Congratulations to Noah for his brilliant entry and to all the other children who took the time to submit a design.

Finally, as a reminder, **school is closed to children next Monday 29 November** for a staff professional development day and will re-open on Tuesday 30 November at 8.45am.

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 Christmas Fayre

We are delighted to promote the Village Friends Christmas Fayre that is taking place **tomorrow from 11am to 3pm in the Village Hall.**

As you can see from the flyer opposite, there are stalls and activities planned for all the family and even a visit from Santa himself!

Please do pop in and support this fantastic community event if you can.



### PlayPark Sessions in Crook

A few weeks ago we mentioned that an organisation called 'PlayPark' has recently started sessions on a Saturday morning at Glenholme Park in Crook. We have had a few children from school attend the initial few sessions and feedback has been very positive. So, if you are looking for something to do on a Saturday morning that gets children out of the house and being active in the fresh air, this may be for you. All sessions are free and run from 9.30am to 10.30am every Saturday. For more information, please visit the Crook PlayPark Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Crook-ParkPlay-102776402216415/>



### 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 **Leona** for talking about the characters within the story 'A Bit Lost' and for making a fantastic pinecone owl. Well done, Leona!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Alfie** for his wonderful attitude to learning and beautiful kind nature with all of his friends. Congratulations, Alfie!

#### Mrs Sheard's Year 1 Class



Mrs Sheard has chosen **Harrison** for motivating himself to work more independently in class and for the huge improvement in his sentence structure. Fabulous job, Harrison!

#### Mrs Gray's Year 2/3 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Ethan** for using great phonic knowledge in his reading and writing. Great work, Ethan!

#### Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld would like to say a huge congratulations to **Jackson** for being amazing during our trip to Beamish and showing a great attitude in class. Super effort, Jackson!

#### Miss Nattrass' Year 4/5 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Bethany** for working hard to improve her handwriting and for her effort and enthusiasm learning her lines for the Christmas performance. Congratulations, Bethany!

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



Mrs C is over the moon with **Freya** for always working hard in class, but especially for going over and above with her home learning. Wonderful news, Freya!



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

