



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 5 November 2021

#### In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ Stakeholder consultation outcomes;
- ◆ Remembrance in school;
- ◆ Welcome to Mrs Crosby.

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

- ◆ Pay for Christmas Cards online;
- ◆ Remembrance Day on Thursday.

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We hope you all had a relaxing break and everyone is looking forward to a busy half term as we head towards the Christmas festivities. This year, we break up for the Christmas holidays slightly earlier than usual on Friday 17 December, meaning we have lots to fit into the last few weeks of term in school. Please find overleaf a brief overview of key events we have planned for this half term, to enable you to plan working arrangements around these, such as the Christmas performances. Also, please note that we have a planned staff professional development day organised for Monday 29 November, where no children will be in school.

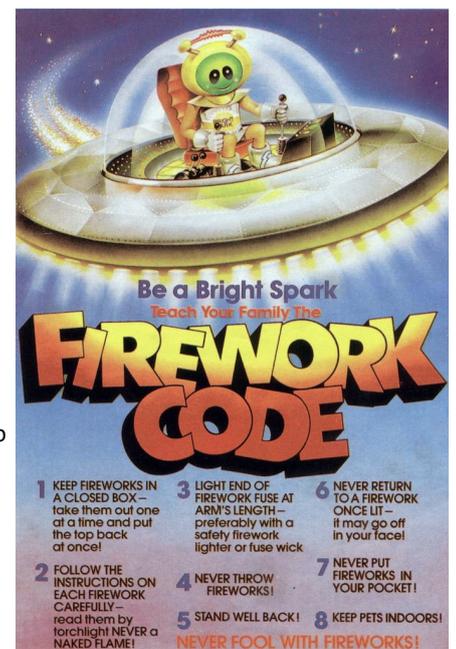
You will be aware that over the last half term we have been consulting with our stakeholders on the proposal for our school to join with Advance Learning Partnership (ALP) as part of their Multi Academy Trust. The consultation ran from Friday 17 September to Friday 22 October and a big thank you to those who took the time to complete the online feedback form, speak with myself and our governing body and/or attended the organised meetings in school to find out about how the proposal with impact on our children and our school. The results of the consultation have now been reviewed by our governing body and the outcomes are available to view on our school website at [Advance Learning Partnership Consultation \(howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk\)](http://www.howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk) As a result of the outcomes of the consultation, governors have agreed to progress to the formal consultation process which will take place this half term and a proposed conversion date for us to join with ALP has been provisionally set for 1st January 2022. As always, if you have any questions you wish to raise around this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

This week, we have welcomed a new member of staff into school. Mrs Vicki Crosby joins us to work alongside Mrs Campbell in the school office, replacing Mrs Hodgson who left in the summer term. Mrs Crosby will be the main person you speak to when coming into school or contacting us by telephone. She will also be on hand to help with any queries you have, support you with Parentpay issues or report pupil absences in school.

This week, we have been using our assembly time to help children learn about and reflect on the significance of Remembrance in British society. This is such an important time of year when we take the time to remember those who have lost their lives in wars and conflicts around the world. You will notice that our display of knitted poppies has been put up outside of school - thank you to the people who have donated more poppies in recent weeks to add to this display. In the week ahead, our focus on Remembrance will continue with children creating wreaths for us to take to the village cenotaph next Thursday at 11am for the official two minutes silence where we will pay our respects to all those who have been killed or involved in conflicts around the world. In school we have poppies for sale, along with a range of different remembrance items such as zip tags, wrist bands and poppy reflectors. These are all official merchandise from the Royal British Legion who lead the Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Day each year. If you or your child would like to make a donation in return for a poppy, the boxes are located in the main school reception. Thank you for your support with this.

As you will all be aware, tonight is Bonfire Night and I know many of you will be looking forward to attending private or organised events over the weekend. However you are planning to celebrate, please ensure you reinforce with children the importance of following the firework code, so everyone can be safe and have an enjoyable time.

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!



### Key Dates For The Second Half Of The Autumn Term 2021

Please find below key dates for events taking place in school over the half term.

**Monday 15 November** - Anti Bullying Week in school

**Friday 19 November** - Children in Need Day

**Monday 29 November** - *Professional Development Day for staff - no children in school today.*

**Wednesday 1 December**—Nursery Pantomime Visit

**Tuesday 7 December** - EYFS/ Year 1 Christmas Performances - 9.45am and 1.45pm

**Wednesday 8 December** - Year 2/3 Christmas Performances - 9.45am and 1.45pm

**Thursday 9 December** - Year 4/5/6 Christmas Performances - 9.45am and 1.45pm

**Monday 13 December** - Class Christmas Parties

**Tuesday 14 December** - Pantomime Visit to Gala Theatre

**Wednesday 15 December** - Christmas Dinner in school for all children

**Friday 17 December** - Toy Day / Christmas Jumper Day - School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.05pm and re-opens for children on **Wednesday 5 January 2022** at 8.45am.

**Thank you for your continued support of all our events in school!**

### Pupil Christmas Card Designs

During the last half term, children have once again been designing Christmas Cards for parents /families to buy in the run-up to Christmas through the Christmas Cards to Schools scheme. The 'proof cards' were sent out this week and we kindly request that orders are placed by **Monday 8 November**, to ensure the cards can be returned in good time for Christmas.



### Play Park Begins This Weekend

Park Play is launching this Saturday 6 November in Glenholme Park in Crook. Park Play is a weekly opportunity for everyone, regardless of age or ability, to get involved in play within their local park. Sessions are taking place every Saturday from 9.30am to 11.30am and no kit, expense or skill is required, just come along and play! Further information is on the Park Play website <https://park-play.com/> or on the Crook Park Play Facebook

page <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 **Layla** for super fine motor work when hammering pumpkins and talking about shapes. Well done, Layla!

#### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Daisy** for working hard and trying her best when taking part in reading and phonic sessions throughout the week. Congratulations, Daisy!

#### Mrs Sheard's Year 1 Class



Mrs Sheard would like to say a huge congratulations to **Linden** for being so helpful in class and always being an excellent role model to others. Super effort, Linden!

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



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Lailah-Mae** for excellent effort with her number work and sentence structure. Great work, Lailah-Mae!

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



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Sophie** for being a fantastic class member and for writing an excellent letter this week. Amazing job, Sophie!

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



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Finnlay** for his fantastic effort and behaviour at swimming and for writing an excellent character description in English. Congratulations, Finnlay!

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



Mrs C is over the moon with **Darcy** for being an excellent classmate and for always working hard and showing great determination in all subjects. Wonderful news, Darcy!



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

