



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

We have had a fantastic first half term at school with our Science Fair, NSPCC visitors and exciting, new online homework in the forms of TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed - what a lot of learning we have done already!

Staff have been hard at work this term as they continue to refine our curriculum, to give your children the best possible education and experience during their time at school. We have worked as a team to plan a year of enrichment and focus days which the whole school community can get involved with; please keep an eye on the dates for the diary section of the newsletter to keep up-to-date with what is coming.

A HUGE thank you to supporting us with our sponsored reading event - we will total the monies raised and be able to buy some wonderful books for the class and school libraries, to continue to enthuse the children in reading.

Just a few quick reminders; there will be no after-school club on Thursday 6th October due to teacher training. Also on the 6th October, at 9:30am, we have our Harvest Assembly and on the 15th October, at 9:00am, we have our Workshop Wednesday in school.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

A Message from our new SENCo (Special Education Needs Co-ordinator)

I would like to introduce myself - my name is Mrs Clarke. I am the special educational needs coordinator (SENDCo) across the Federation - It is my fifth year as SENDCo at Henshaw and I have now taken on the role at Greenhead too since September. It has been a pleasure to meet many of you face-to-face and also to communicate via email and telephone. I have been a SENDCo now for 26 years now and I am passionate about ensuring that all of our children have the necessary support in place to enable them to achieve their goals in life. I am really excited about working with you all going forward. If you need to contact me about your child and their needs at any time, my contact details are sendco@westtynefederation.uk.

Class News

Tyne Class

In Tyne class we have explored friendship qualities alongside the book *The Little Red Hen*. We all worked together as a team to make the delicious bread and got to share it with our friends in nursery too. The children used their phonics skills to recognise the initial sounds of all the ingredients we used and created a shopping list for our home corner. We really enjoyed watching the materials change during each process, especially when we added the yeast into our mixture and it bubbled! It would be great if you could involve the children at home when writing a shopping list or helping you prepare a meal by measuring out the ingredients.

Thames Class

Thames class have had a fantastic week sharing their science experiments. They were all fantastic. Thank you for your support with these. We have also been busy looking at information posters and their features to help us make our own about the Queen. In History we have looked at significant people and sorted them into categories, for example artist, monarch or activist. In English we have practised nouns, verbs, capital letters and full stops. In Science we have looked at how plants grow and change over time. Perhaps the children could observe the changing seasons on an Autumn walk. In Maths year 1 have been practising counting backwards and finding 1 more or 1 less. Year 2 have worked hard partitioning numbers and looking at how many tens and ones are in a 2 digit number.

Rhine Class

This week in Rhine class, we have been sharing our scientific experiments and information. We have had some stunning examples including: a tray lift; coke and mentos; brillo pads and fire; wind generated electricity; Powerpoints about bird song; life cycles; cornflour and an exploding bag - to name but a few. The scientific vocabulary that the children have been using and learning through this experience has been fantastic. Along with this, we have begun to write a historical narrative about Odin the Viking god. In maths, we have been learning about flexible partitioning and we thoroughly enjoyed our first music experience - not least because we started with a song that we had been learning with our music theme Charanga. Next week, we are going to continue our historical narrative about Odin, so any help with research about Odin at home would give the children a head start.

Nile Class

Science week has been amazing! Not only have the children made me proud with their science presentations, but they have also inspired each other with all the facts, experiments, and information shared in class. Well Done Nile class! This enthusiasm then continued into this week's science lesson – making parachutes to test air resistance. What can the children discover regarding upthrust and water resistance ready for next week?



Our School Promise

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

The Values of Our School

Wisdom gives us strength in all we do

Endurance keeps us going, trust in teamwork too

A thankfulness to God and community is right

Respecting his creation, the gifts we hold tight

Everyone's forgiven, kindness big and small

We value humility, justice for all

Peace and friendship for all to see

Striving for koinonia is where we want to be



Staff nominate children who have shown these values in our schools and have been role models for our Christian values in our weekly Celebration Assembly.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

Learning Award - Tabitha, Jack



Resilience & Teamwork Award - Isla

Etiquette Award - Rhys, Cole



Environmental Award - Fenn

Kindness Award - Eva Gt

Inclusion Award - Elizabeth

Friendship Award - Aria

Role model Award - Abigail, Charlie

Each week, other children receive a postcard through the post to let their adults know how proud of them we are.

Attendance: **Every day is important to give children their full entitlement to an exciting learning journey**

Tyne - 98% Thames - 98.5% Rhine - 100% Nile - 97.9% Whole School - 98.7%

Parking at School

Thank you to all the parents who have been parking in the allotted parking bays or choosing to park further down the road and take the two-minute walk to school. Please continue to leave the yellow zig-zag area clear. We are extremely lucky to have a car park at Henshaw (the staff remember when we only had the little, side one a few years ago!) but we must work together to keep this safe and as 'un-congested' as possible. I will be meeting with the Parish Council next week to hear their suggestions and discuss anything further we can do.

Science Fair at Henshaw Primary School

I have been AMAZED at the wonderful science experiments and presentations we have seen in the past week. Thank you to you all for supporting our new homework projects and getting so involved. The children have been SO proud of their accomplishments and have talked with confidence and enthusiasm when sharing with the other children what they have done. What brilliant learning!



Dates for the Diary

Friday 7th October - Harvest Celebrations at Henshaw Church 9:30am - parents/carers welcome

Friday 7th October - Nasal Flu immunisations at school

Monday 10th October - World Mental Health Day, activities in school

Wednesday 12th October - Workshop Wednesday 2pm to 3pm - parent/carers welcome

Monday 17th October - Councillor Trevor Cessford assembly - British Values

Wednesday 19th October - Year 3/4 Lindisfarne visit

Friday 21st October - School closes for Half term break

Monday 31st October - Teacher Training Day - School closed to children

Tuesday 1st November - School reopens for children

A message from our Vicar, Father Steve



Harvest and Halloween

Coming up soon are our school harvest services, at St. Cuthbert's Greenhead on Thursday 6th October at 9.30am, and at All Hallows Henshaw on Friday 7th October at 9.30am where the children will be singing and performing readings.

If you can't make those, then there's another chance - everyone is invited to a joint harvest celebration at St. Cuthbert's Greenhead on Sunday 2nd October at 10am.



Help needed - Halloween service and party

On Sunday 30th October, you are invited to an All Hallows Evening service at Greenhead at 4pm. Part of the service will be by candlelight (but battery ones for safety with any fancy dress!). We would like to have a party for the children in the village hall afterwards but need some parents to help organise it. If you could help with that, please contact the vicar, Steve, on 01434 320215 or

canonstevewright@gmail.com

A final thought...

Great communication begins with connection

Oprah Winfrey