



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Hello everyone, I hope this newsletter finds you all well (there are definitely a few sniffles and cold going around!) We are now in full swing preparing for our Christmas productions, the children are very excited to show you what they can do and the teachers have been working incredibly hard to put on a show which illustrates how fantastic all our children are at Henshaw Primary School.

In the last couple of weeks, we have seen both our World Cup Day and Children In Need. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring their chosen country, including cookery and games. For Children in Need, we raised an amazing £134.40, which has now been donated to the charity to help children from our country and region.

Once again, we have been blown away by parents, carers and family support for our new 'project-style' homework. The children have been so proud to share their wonderful work with their peers, and I have seen the adults in school beaming about how well the children have spoken and presented their high-quality project.

Next week is our Christingle Service at our local church, please can I ask you **email the office** if you would like to attend so we can make arrangements for seating and additional helpers. Our Christmas Fair is also coming up the week after and all donations are very welcome and appreciated (please see the section later on).

Best, festive wishes, Mr Glenton

Our Outdoor Areas

Even though the winter weather is upon us, we are continuing to use and develop our outdoor areas. This week has seen new trees being planted in our field, and Reception and Nursery working together in their Forest School sessions.

Thank you for supporting our Welly Wednesdays to give your child the opportunity to use and explore our large, green outdoor spaces and a big thank you to Miss Reynolds for doing such a wonderful job of clearing up any pesky mud (although the children are super careful and considerate) which finds its way into school!

Class News

Tyne Class

This week in Tyne class, we have been doing some more learning about the first Christmas. We learnt all about the Nativity story and created a wonderful picture with all the characters on it. Maybe you can retell the story to someone in your family? We started to create pictures for our time capsule. We are very excited about burying it and digging it up in Year 6. We have been busy practising our Christmas show and have been doing a great job at remembering the words too.

Thames Class

Thames class have been busy in Maths looking at addition. Year 1 have been looking at addition problems and Year 2 have been adding a 2 digit number and a 1 digit number by crossing 10. In English, we have looked at the features of letters and discussed Environmental issues. We have also written our own letter to Sir David Attenborough using conjunctions and different sentence types. In Science, we enjoyed investigating which surface ice melts more quickly on. I am sure the children would enjoy sharing this investigation at home. In Computers, we have produced some super images based on the work of the artist Piet Mondrian. We are also busy with the preparations for our Christmas performance. The children have been singing beautifully.

Rhine Class

In Rhine Class we have been writing our own poems - first, it was Haiku poems and then it was limericks. The children are becoming familiar with the different features of each style and we have had some excellent examples. In maths, we are focusing on multiplication tables regularly to try and develop quick recall of facts in random order. Any additional practise at home will really help. I have put the tables onto TT Rockstars that they are practising. In science, we have been working on collecting and presenting data. The children went around the school building finding light sources, tallying and presenting on a bar graph. In music, we have been singing through our Christmas play songs in readiness for our performance. In PSHCE, we have been thinking about all the places that we visit in our local community and how we use them.

Nile Class

The children are all starting to sound amazing as they play their ukuleles, supported by Mr Reed. They are following the music notations written on the board and singing along as they play. Their strumming technique is improving as they support each other in remembering to play chords C and F at the correct time. This week, the children started to play and sing the song, 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town!' Please encourage your child at home to explain to you how to hold their ukulele and show you how to strum each chord.



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 - Miranda, Isla, Jayden, Matthew

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Mia, Riley, Charlotte Cw

Etiquette Award - Fenn

Environmental Award - Cooper, Dylan

Kindness Award - Billy, Lewis S, Zane

Inclusion Award - Alex, Arty

Friendship Award - Jacob, Lacey

Role model Award - Mia, Eva Gm

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 - 72% Thames -90% Rhine - 90.9 Nile - 94.2% Whole School - 89%



Donations for the Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair, on Friday 16th December at 3:20pm, is fast approaching! Thank you to all families who sent their children in with a chocolate donation to enable us to make hampers up for our raffles.

Please could we ask that donations of pre-loved teddies (that need to be adopted and may be taking up much-needed house space) come into school next week. We would also be very grateful for anything for our tombola stall (such as candles, smellies, games, sweets etc). All profits from our fair will go towards enrichment opportunities for your children.

Phonics Parent Workshop for Reception to Year 3 parents

Miss Munro will be holding a parents' workshop for Reception to Year 3 parents at 2:45pm on Tuesday 6th December. This will be a fantastic opportunity for you to see how we teach reading (and specifically phonics) in Early Years, Key Stage 1 and the start of Key Stage 2 and will give you some handy tips on how to engage your child when exploring books.

Please contact the office if you can attend and we look forward to seeing you then.

Absence and Lateness

As it continues to get chillier and the usual festive bugs start to circulate, please can we remind parents to contact the school office by 9:15am if their child is going to be absent from school.

Please can we also remind parents that school starts at 8:45am and teachers provide early morning work from 8:50am so that learning can start straight away. Please ensure that your child has access to our full curriculum by making sure they are here on time each and every day.

A heads-up to Santa...slipper socks!

From January, we will be have lovely, new carpets starting to be fitted in classrooms to refresh our learning areas and to make them more comfortable for the children. From this time, we would like children to bring in cosy, slipper socks to wear in school when they are indoors. These can be kept in school through the week and sent home on a Friday to wash. I'm sure Santa may have some snuggly ones which could be delivered on Christmas Day...

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 6th December 2.45pm - Phonics Workshop (Reception to Year 3 parents)

Friday 9th December 9:15am - Christingle Service at All Hallows Church- parents welcome to attend

Wednesday 14th December - Reception & KS1 Theatre visit - Wind in the Willows

Friday 16th December 3:20pm - 4:20pm - Christmas Fair at School

Monday 19th December - Christmas Jumper day

Tuesday 20th December 9:15am - Reception & Key Stage 1 Christmas performance
Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 21st December - Key Stage 2 dress rehearsals at HBHS

Thursday 22nd December 2:30pm and 5pm - Key Stage 2 Christmas performance

Friday 23rd December - Christmas parties and 'special visitor' is coming to school!

Monday 9th January - Children return to school

A message from Father Steve

We would like to offer our community a Church Crib Service on 18th December, 4:00pm at Greenhead Church. Children can come dressed as any character you like from the Christmas story, as we sing carols and tell the story of Christmas in church. There will be a Christmas party afterwards in the village hall. We hope to see you there!

A final thought...

None of us can buy goodwill; we must earn it

William Feather