



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Hello everyone and what a busy two weeks it has been!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Together Tuesday session last week and to be able to give you a quick tour of the school. Thank you for your feedback and I hope you enjoyed coming back into school again - I aim to make this possible on a much more regular basis so you can share more fully in your children's school life.

Workshop Wednesday is coming up next week and the teachers and I hope to welcome you back into classrooms. Teachers have also been working incredibly hard to organise visits and enrichments for your children now restrictions for the pandemic have lifted. It feels great to be getting back to 'normality'.

Finally, I would like to say a HUGE well done to our Year 6 children who have taken their SATS this week - they were a credit to us all and I can't wait to celebrate their achievements with them when they get their results - they are all superstars! Best wishes, Mr Glenton

A Message from Miss Sedgwick

It's with great sadness that I inform you that I will be leaving Henshaw Primary School at the end of the Summer term. Just before Easter, I was fortunate to be able to accept a new teaching post in Egypt so I will be able to move be closer to my family. We made the decision to not share this information with the children until now so that it did not affect their focus or concentration before the SATs took place.

The two years I have spent teaching at Henshaw have been amazing. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to work here and become part of this fantastic academic community.

Working with your children has changed my life for the better. They are all incredible, capable students who have amazed me each day with their curiosity and creativity. I will keep my memories of teaching your children close to my heart and look back fondly upon all the fun times and experiences we have had together.

I hope to have the opportunity to speak to each of you personally before I leave but, in the meantime, I would like to wish you all the best as your children move forward in their education and lives.

Class News

Class 1

We have been working hard over the last couple of weeks to design our new garden outside. The children have thought carefully about what grows well together and what will grow in the North East. We can't wait to plant it next week with our adults. We have worked in groups to create two wonderful poems about our dream gardens, using lots of adjectives. In maths we have been looking at number bonds to 5 and 10. We have been representing these in lots of different ways. Ask your child if they can show you these bonds e.g. with sticks from the garden, and pop a photo on Tapestry. We have really enjoyed spending time in our new reading corner, sharing books with our friends and also spending some quiet time alone.

Class 2

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Beamish and were very lucky with the weather. The children had a lovely time playing Grannie's footsteps in the yard and using a slate to write on in the classroom. As part of our History topic we have looked at school log books dated as far back as 1872. The children were amazed listening to some of the extracts and comparing school then and now. If any parents or grandparents have any information about school, we would love to hear from you. In maths we have been practising reading and telling the time. Year 1 have looked at O' clock and Year 2 have looked at quarter past and quarter to. If you could practise this at home either by making a clock or perhaps using a watch that would be fantastic.

Class 3

This week in Class 3, we have been learning about the features of a playscript and have started to write our own. Once completed, we will become actors and perform our plays. In PSHE, we have covered internet safety with a focus on online relationships. In history, the children learnt about and sequenced events in the Roman era and heard the story of Romulus and Remus. In maths, we have been learning about money, including giving change. We have continued our work on multiplication tables - to reinforce these, I have placed two multiplication games onto Google Classroom for the children to access at home.

Class 4

The Year 6 children have been busy revising and have completed all of their SATs. Well done Year 6, you have all been amazing! Year 5 children have been completing their work on multiplying and dividing decimals. In English, the children have finished writing their balanced arguments about detention, they included some very persuasive facts to support each argument. In Science, Year 5 have been exploring different materials and their properties. Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system. In PE, the children have been practising hurdling and relay races. In Art, the children have been learning about quilling and creating different shapes and patterns.



Our New School Promise

Over the past week, the Staff, Governors and children at Henshaw and Greenhead Primary Schools have been learning our new school promise. This mantra shapes the 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



Today, staff nominated children who have shown these values in our schools and have been role models for our Christian values in our new, weekly Celebration Assembly.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

Learning Award - Isabella, Lockie, Emily

Resilience & Teamwork award - Alice, Jayden

Etiquette award - Christopher

Environmental award - Evie

Kindness award - Macie S, Alfie

Inclusion award - Ruby, Eva Grm

Friendship award - Jenson, Alicia

Role model award - Ellie, Liv



Well done to children who have received a special surprise through the post from their teachers over the past 2 weeks, you have gone that extra mile!

Attendance: Whole School - 95.2%

Class 1 - 100%

Class 2 - 98.2%

Class 3 - 97.6%

Class 4 - 100%

Community Vote of the Fortnight

We had some fantastic suggestions on the theme for our new classroom names. The one which was chosen at random has been to name our classes after rivers. This theme will link well to our Geography and focus on local area as well as wider world.

Can I ask children in Reception to think of local rivers, children in Year 1 and 2 to think of rivers from the UK and children in Years 3-6 to think of rivers from around the world. Write your idea on a piece of paper and ask your child to pop them into our 'Sharing Jar', which is found in our school hall.

In the next newsletter, we will announce the winning rivers.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 18th May - Workshop Wednesday - 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Friday 20th May - PTA meeting at 2:50pm, all welcome to attend

Tuesday 24th May - Art Trip to The Sill (Years 5 & 6)

Wednesday 25th May - Dance/Drama Workshop (Years 5 & 6)

Friday 27th May - School closes for Half Term holidays

School Teacher Training Days for 22/23: Monday 5th September, Tuesday 6th September, Monday 31st October, Friday 17th February. School will be closed to children on these dates.

We would like to say a BIG thank you' to Errington Reay Pottery for the lovely planters they have donated to Henshaw School. We will be planting them up very shortly with a Platinum Jubilee theme....photos to follow!

Friends of Henshaw Primary School

Our PTA needs you! If you feel that you could work with a great team to fund raise and provide extra enrichment for our children, please come along to a meeting on **Friday 20th May at 2:50pm**. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided!

Reminders

- We really appreciate your support to ensure our School Uniform policy is adhered to and re-affirm our sense of belonging, health and safety.
- Remember our Workshop Wednesday on Wednesday 18th May from 2pm to 3pm where you are welcome to join in with your child's learning. It is vital you ring the school and let us know if you are attending so we can ensure we have space for everybody.
- Please can we remind parents not to park in the spaces reserved for taxis at the front of the car park. This will ensure that children being transported by taxi are kept safe.

A final thought...

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." — Benjamin Franklin