



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message From the Head Teacher

Welcome to our first (new look) newsletter of the Summer term.

I would like to start by saying that it has been a pleasure to meet so many of you over the last term and I am now so excited to be an 'official' member of the Greenhead and Henshaw Primary Schools family. Over the past week, I have had the pleasure of visiting all classes frequently and getting to know the wonderful children in our school - they really are a credit to you all.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate Sherry Makepeace on her promotion to the post of Assistant Head Teacher within our Federation. Also, congratulations to Mrs Dawn Hosking on her successful application to Higher Level Teaching Assistant within the Federation. Mrs Makepeace and Mrs Hosking will take up their posts in September. We are hoping to be successful when recruiting another Assistant Head Teacher next week. Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Sarah Smith who has done a wonderful job of our staff photos. Please see our website.

Thank you for the feedback regarding communication from school. It has been vitally important for me to understand the views of parents, teachers and children as we move forward together in our new chapter at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation. From the feedback I have received, we will be moving to a fortnightly letter as we will be utilising our Facebook page more frequently. This will give you the opportunity to see the wonderful activities, as well as the teaching and learning going on as it happens. It will also allow our wider school community (for example; aunts, uncles, grandparents and our wonderful villages) the opportunity to be part of our learning journey too.

I am looking forward to meeting more of our community at our 'Together Tuesday' next week and excited to welcome you into the classrooms on Wednesday 18th May at 2pm. Please remember to contact Mrs Slater in the office to book onto this event so we can cater for all visitors. I aim to be a constant presence before and after school so please do come and see me if there is anything I can do. Alternatively, if you would like to make an appointment to speak via telephone, please call the school office.

Best Wishes

Mr Mike Glenton

Class News

Class 1

We have had a great week back! The children were amazing at their first swimming lesson and showed real independence getting themselves changed and great courage in the pool. We have started our topic all about growing, gardens and mini beasts. The children became mini beast detectives and hunted for mini beasts in our Forest school area. They found a type of beetle - a horse beetle - which they hadn't seen before. They used the computer to search for information about it and found out lots of facts. We've also been planting flowers, potatoes and cress.

Class 2

Class 2 have enjoyed their first week back after the Easter break. In English we have enjoyed reading and listening to poems and identifying features of poetry. In Maths we have been practising position and direction. We consolidated using positional language in PE and practised our balancing skills. We are looking forward to our Beamish trip next Thursday. Let's hope the weather is kind!!

A big thank you to the parents who have volunteered to join us.

Class 3

Class 3 have had a very busy, but exciting first week back. We have been introduced to our new theme 'Emperors and Empires and within that, we have started our new guided reading text 'Maximus Gladiator' from Fiction Express. We have learnt about amphitheatres and seen some images of these in Wales, Germany and, of course, Rome. We have also considered whether we would like to be a gladiator by finding out more about them and given reasons why/why not. For English, we have been looking at the features of narrative texts, apostrophes and fronted adverbials. Our class text is Matilda and our significant author is Roald Dahl - we enjoyed trying to move a glass by willing it to move as Matilda did in the text. We haven't succeeded...yet!

Class 4

Class 4 has had a very exciting first week back. The children have been busy with POP tasks for our new term. Our topic for this term is 'Groundbreaking Greeks', we have been enjoying our guided reading book 'Who Let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans, and our class reader is 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo. Most of the children have also completed their Bikeability levels 1 to 3. In Maths, Year 5 has been working on adding decimals crossing 1, and Year 6 has been practicing SATs papers. In English, the class has been working on balanced arguments and what is needed for a good argument! A reminder that Class 4 are going swimming on Tuesday so will need their kit with them. Also Year 6 has its last SATs club on Tuesday.



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 - Lewis F

Resilience & Teamwork award - Lexy

Etiquette award - Hope

Environmental award - Ellie

Kindness award - Cole

Inclusion award - Margo

Friendship award - Harry B

Role model award - Tabitha



Please keep an eye out in the post for a few more 'surprises' for those children who have gone that extra mile this week. More to follow!

School Matters!



Attendance:

Class 1 - 100% Class 2 - 98.2% Class 3 - 92.8% Class 4 - 98.9%

Community Vote of the Fortnight

We are going to rename our classes to represent our schools but what should we name them? Talk to your child about what theme they would like their classes to be named after (for example, woodland animals, castles, places in Northumberland).

Write your idea on a piece of paper and ask your child to pop them into our 'Sharing Jar', which can now be found in our school hall. In the next newsletter, we will announce the theme and then we will have another vote for the names for each class from that theme.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd May: May Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 3rd May: Together Tuesday - 9:00am - 9:30am

Thursday 5th May: Beamish Visit - All Day - Years 1 & 2

Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May: SATS week Year 6

Thursday 12th May - Heights & Weights Measurements (Reception & Year 6)

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

Tuesday 24th May - Art Trip to The Sill (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.

Reminders

- The school lunch menu can now be found on our website, under the 'Information' tab.
- We really appreciate your support to ensure our School Uniform policy is adhered to and re-affirm our sense of belonging, health and safety.
- Please can we remind children in Key Stage 2 to return their Acceptable Use Agreements by Monday next week.
- 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...

Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is the progress.
Working together is success. **Henry Ford**