



## **Henshaw CE Primary School**

### **Newsletter**

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#### **A Message from the Head Teacher**

Thank you to all of our community who managed to come to our first Remembrance Day Celebration with Key Stage 2 at Holy Cross Church this morning. We were incredibly proud of the wonderful service that the children put on for our schools - they are such a credit to you all. Children from Reception and Key Stage 1 visited our local memorial to lay our wreaths and have a quiet thought and prayer for the brave people involved in present and past wars.

This week has also seen us focus on Anti-Bullying Day, where children across school learnt about protected characteristics and the importance of equality. We are such an inclusive school but it is important that the children know that everybody is not so lucky as us, and that inequality and bullying does happen because of perceived differences.

Our first Bedtime Stories event was also a great success and I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who supported it to promote the children's love of learning. Coming up will be Children in Need, where we will support the fantastic work of this charity and the important part they play in helping and keeping children safe in our country.

This week, you should have been given a time slot to come into school, view your child's work and speak to your child's class teacher. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there. Best wishes, Mr Glenton

#### **Christmas Performances**

I am thrilled to announce that we will be putting on two performances this year for our Christmas shows:

Reception and Key Stage 1 - Children will be performing in our school hall on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am.**

Key Stage 2 - Children will be performing at Haydon Bridge High School (using a fantastic stage, lighting and sound system!) for our production of 'Muppets Christmas Carol.' **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 2pm and 5pm.**

## Class News

### Tyne Class

This week in Tyne class we have been helping Pete, our counting puppet, to count carefully. Maybe you can practise your counting, with 1:1 correspondence, at home? You can count objects but also sounds. We have started to learn about Hinduism and the festival of Diwali and we made our own rangoli patterns outside. We have explored the story of 'The Lion and the Mouse' and have discussed equality. We learnt that everyone should be treated the same, whether they are old or young, big or small. We also got creative and made some lovely lion faces and some mice. We practised our cutting, painting & fixing skills.

### Thames Class

Thames class have been busy writing their own poems. They made lists of nouns, verbs and adjectives to help with their writing. In Maths, we have been looking at related facts and number bonds to 10 and 100. In Design Technology, we worked as a team to build our own dens. We have talked about the significance of Remembrance Day and enjoyed a walk to the local memorial, followed by a visit to the park.

### Rhine Class

In Rhine Class, we have been planning our Newspaper article about the Viking attack on Lindisfarne, which should be completed next week. We have been playing some 'new' spelling games, which the children are really enjoying. Some of the games we have played so far have been: word searches; boxed spellings (how many times can you fit your spelling words in a box and spelling tic-tac-toe. Why not play these games at home too - along with Spelling Shed to help reinforce these... they make learning spellings much more fun! In Maths, we have been learning how to add and subtract using different methods including the build it, draw it, write it, explain it approach. In P.E., we have started our module on gymnastics. In PSHCE, we have completed work around 'protected characteristics' with a focus on disability. All this and rehearsals for our Remembrance Service in music - what a busy week!

### Nile Class

In Nile Class, the children are enjoying reading the story of 'The River King' and the legend of Encante written by Saviour Pirotta. The children can't wait to finish reading the story and discover if Mr Domingo is actually Bufo Colorado. This week the children have had the opportunity to act out their predictions of what could happen next in the story.



## 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** - Georgia, Alex, Parker



**Resilience & Teamwork Award** - Lewis F, Reece, Mindfulness Club

**Etiquette Award** - Tyne Class



**Environmental Award** - Eco Council, Eve

**Kindness Award** - Cole, Jamie, Eleanor, Eva Gt

**Friendship Award** - Rhys, Fearne

**Role model Award** - Tommy, Findlay

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

Attendance:

Tyne -98% Thames - 95.6% Rhine - 95.9% Nile - 94.2% Whole School 95.6%

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

## Children In Need

As you might have seen on our Facebook Page, we were joined by Pudsey Bear and interviewed by the BBC last week! The School Council have been hard at work after this, to come up with some ideas of how we can support Children in Need next Friday (18<sup>th</sup> November).

Children can bring in 50p to take part in a penalty shoot-out competition and your child should have come home with a picture of Pudsey. Children can decorate this picture and bring it back to school with a donation of £1.00. A winner will be chosen from each class and prizes awarded.

## Facebook

Our Facebook page has really gone from strength to strength this year and is now updated regularly and with some amazing pictures! I would like to thank all the teaching assistants and teachers in the school for their time and efforts in keeping the posts fresh and vibrant, to update you all on the wonderful things happening in our school. Please feel free to 'like' or comment on any posts you find interesting, it really helps us to make sure we are able to engage you all in your child's learning journey.

## 'Get Lost In a Book' Challenge

Mrs Mowbray has been hard at work in our library and would love to do a 'Get lost in a book' display. We would like your child to email in a photograph of them reading in weird and wonderful places...the stranger the better! For every child who enters, they will be entered into a prize draw to win a **£10 book voucher**. Get photographing! Entries until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.

## Odd Socks to support uniqueness

To continue our work on anti-bullying and developing our inclusive school, we would like to offer the chance for all children to wear odd socks on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The aim of this is to show children that we are all unique and different and this is something to accept, discuss and celebrate. Be as bright and as colourful as you like!

## Dates for the Diary

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Odd Socks day

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Parent Consultations - evening 1

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Parent Consultations - evening 2

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - World Cup Day - each class will focus on a country - details to follow

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - Non-uniform Day; please bring in chocolate for the Christmas fair

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am** - Christingle Service at Henshaw Church - parents welcome to attend

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 3:20pm - 4:20pm** - Christmas Fair at School

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Jumper day

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am** - Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas performance  
Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Key Stage 2 dress rehearsals at HBHS

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2pm and 5pm** - Key Stage 2 Christmas performance

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** - Christmas parties and Santa is coming to school!

School closes Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and re-opens Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## A final thought...

**Forgiveness does not change the past but it does enlarge the future**  
**Paul Lewis Boese**