



# Henshaw CE Primary School

## Newsletter

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### A Message from the Head Teacher

We hope you all had a restful half term and it's been lovely to have the children return to school with all their stories about the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. We had a wonderful day last Thursday where we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee as a school.

Below is the organisation of the school from September:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception (Tyne)	Mrs Hulbert (EYFS Lead) (Monday to Wednesday) Mrs Thompson (Thursday & Friday)	
Year 1 and 2 (Thames)	Mrs Olsson	Mrs Jameson
Year 3 and 4 (Rhine)	Mrs Clarke (Special Educational Needs Coordinator)	Mrs Mowbray
Year 5 and 6 (Nile)	Miss Munro (Assistant Head Teacher)	Mrs Hall

Children will be spending the afternoon with their new teacher on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July for a transition session where they will get to know their new classroom and/or new classmates.

We would like to offer our warmest congratulations to Miss Keith who will be on maternity leave from September. We would also like to welcome Miss Dodds to the Henshaw team who has joined us as a lunchtime supervisor.

Attached is a copy of our SRE policy. Please take the time to have a read through and speak to your child's class teacher with any suggestions.

It will be our second Together Tuesday next week where Mrs Hulbert will be exploring how we teach phonics with our children in Reception and Key Stage 1. All are welcome to attend.

If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on 01434 344324/via email at:

[henshaw@westtynefederation.uk](mailto:henshaw@westtynefederation.uk)

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

### A Message from Mrs Thompson, our new Reception Teacher (on a Thursday and Friday) from September

Hi everyone my name is Louise Thompson and I am thrilled to be joining the West Tyne Federation in September teaching in Reception. I am passionate about early years education, ensuring our children reach their potential and develop a love of learning. I have had the privilege of teaching at Henshaw Nursery since 2017 so know the children and families of Henshaw pretty well and I am looking forward to meeting the children and parents at Greenhead Primary School in the coming months. In my spare time I love spending time with my 3 year old daughter and family. I enjoy walking in the Lake District & baking. I can't wait to start this new adventure with the Federation.



## Class News

### Tyne Class

We have started learning about Africa and have been reading 'Handa's Surprise'. We have been learning about the animals there are in Africa and have tasted some exotic fruits from the story. In music we have been learning an African call and response song and have been playing some African drums and joining in with African dancing. We really enjoyed our Jubilee day and had a great time working with other children from different year groups. We also had a great time at the Hexham Book Festival. We loved listening to the different stories by author Joseph Coelho and Fiona Lumbers, the illustrator of the stories, showed us how to draw two of the characters from the stories. We explored the Abbey and spotted lots of different characteristics and we finished the day with games in the park with our friends from Greenhead and an ice cream in the sunshine. Perfect!

### Thames Class

Class 2 have continued to find out the weight of objects in Maths and comparing which containers hold the most or the least water. We will be starting to look at length next week so it would be fantastic if you could practise measuring the length of some household objects or items in the garden. In English, we have focussed on recounts and have written some super pieces of writing about our holiday. We had great fun at our Jubilee celebration and our Rivers morning. I wonder if your child can remember the name of their class or any of the other classes? In RE we had a look around the church to identify important features. We then had a look around Hexham Abbey to look at similarities and differences. The book festival was fantastic, the children enjoyed the story followed by games in the park.

### Rhine Class

In 'The Rhine' this week, we have been completing the work on our newspaper articles about Hadrian and his wall. We have worked on bar charts and pictograms with Year 3 and we have been completing our multiplication checks with Year 4. Year 3 have also been exploring the science of light and dark and know that dark is the absence of light. Year 4 have been learning about electricity - where it comes from and how it gets to our houses. They have made electric circuits. In R.E. the children have looked at marriage ceremonies and the promises that are made in 3 different religions. We enjoyed our 'book festival' experience in Hexham this week where we met the author Hannah Gold and learnt about her books 'The Lost Whale' and 'The Last Polar Bear' - followed by picnic and games in the park in the glorious weather.

### Nile Class

The Nile class have had another busy couple of weeks being busy bees! We have had our River day, researched about the Nile and designed our new class display. In English, we have been writing biographies and remembering key features and the structure. In Maths, Year 5 have been completing their work on position and direction. Year 6 have been completing their work on statistics and working out how to create a pie chart. In RE, we have been learning about life and death in different religions. We had a fabulous day at Hexham Book Festival with our friends from Greenhead. We enjoyed listening to an author, Joseph Coelho, talk about his books. He also gave us some secrets to how to write an amazing story or poem. Following this, we went to the park for lunch, visited the Abbey to do a scavenger hunt and then had a game of rounders! What a super day we had!



## 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** - Joe, Parker, Eva W



**Resilience & Teamwork award** - Jamie, Isla

**Etiquette award** - Rio, Eva Gm

**Environmental award** - Lacey, Aria

**Kindness award** - Rohan, Georgia

**Friendship award** - Olly

**Inclusion award** - Alfie

**Role model award** - Jacob, Lexy, Harry B

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

Attendance: Whole School - 97.5%

Class 1 -100%

Class 2 -97.8%

Class 3 - 96.8%

Class 4 - 97.9%

### Pre-loved Uniform Request

We have already had some donations in of unwanted, clean and washed uniform for our pre-loved appeal. Please feel free to bring it to school as a donation. With the current cost of living crisis, we want to support our families by offering uniform which is pre-loved. This will also support our eco-school culture of reduce, reuse and recycle. Thank you for your support.

### **Adopt a Teddy Tombola and Adults Tombola**

For our stalls on Sports Day, please can we ask children to bring a teddy (or two) in for the teddy tombola. A teddy will be given a new home for every ticket which is bought. Can we also ask for any donations (smellies, wine, candles, yummy treats etc) for our adult tombola. Please could donations be brought into school for next Friday so we can get them labelled up ready for our Sports Day. Your kind donations will really help us raise money for our school.

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Together Tuesday** - Phonics focus with Mrs Hulbert 8:45am - 9:15am

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Henshaw Church Visit** - with Father Steve

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - School Photographs (Class)**- Mirror Photography - 10am

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Federation Sports Day:** 1pm - 3pm at the Wentworth, Hexham

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Jubilee bank holiday for the Federation - School closed to children**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Children meet their new teacher** (afternoon session)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Lockerbie residential for Year 5 and 6**

### **Sports Day**

Our Sports Day at the Wentworth is fast approaching and the children are very excited to show you all what they can do! Please could you arrive at the leisure centre no earlier than 12:50pm and line up to the right of the main entrance. At 1pm, the sports track and field will be open and parents/families are welcome to take a seat in the spaces provided. When we start events, please feel free to follow your children from one event to another.

Stalls will be opened at the end of Sports Day where you will be able to purchase some of the wonderful things that children have been creating in school. We will also be running two tombolas (please see above). All monies raised will go towards our school fund to provide enrichment opportunities for your child in school. We hope you really enjoy the afternoon!

### **Messy Church**

I have had several parents discuss with me the possibility of starting up Messy Church again in our local churches as an after-school club. I have spoken to representatives of the church and they are happy for this to happen but we do need volunteers from our community to run this. If you, or a member of our community who you know, would be interested in volunteering to help with this club from September to December, please get in touch with the school. It will be from 3:20pm - 4:20pm one day a week and volunteers will need a DBS check (which the school will pay for) prior to this.

### **Workshop Wednesday**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - 3pm**

**...Further details to follow!**

## A Message from our Chair of Governors

### Chair's Introduction

Following Mr David Ratcliff's resignation last month, I was elected to take on the role of Chair of Governors of the West Tyne Church Schools Federation - the Governing Body of Greenhead and Henshaw Primary Schools. I would like to extend a huge thank you to David for the countless hours of hard work he put into the schools over his time as Chair. I am beginning to realise quite how much is involved!

I have been a Governor for around six years and am also a parent of Alice who attends Henshaw and Ed who can't wait to join her there. I am therefore very involved in school life and entirely invested in making the schools in our Federation not only the best they can be as learning environments but, more importantly, places our children love to spend time in.

With the appointment of our new Executive Headteacher, new Assistant Headteachers at each school from September and (hopefully) the end of Covid restrictions, we are very much at the start of a new and exciting path for the Federation. I look forward to working with the staff, governors, parents and wider community as we make our schools once again the centre of our villages and a place where our school promise radiates.

If you do have any queries or concerns, they should initially be directed to your child's class teacher via a telephone conversation, face-to-face chat or using the class email address. If you require further assistance after this, please contact Mr Glenton via the school's main email address of [greenhead@westtynefederation.uk](mailto:greenhead@westtynefederation.uk) or [henshaw@westtynefederation.uk](mailto:henshaw@westtynefederation.uk). However, if an issue does arise which needs to be addressed to the Governing Body (after pursuing these lines of enquiry), I can be contacted by email at [katy.rushworth@westtynefederation.uk](mailto:katy.rushworth@westtynefederation.uk)

Katy Rushworth, Chair of Governors

### PE Kits

After receiving feedback about PE days and PE kits, next year, we will continue the procedure of asking children to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Year 1 to Year 6 will have PE on a Tuesday next year, when NUFC will continue the wonderful work they do across the Federation. Your child will also have PE on one other day through the week, except Year 5 and 6, who will be having swimming lessons in Autumn Term on a Monday.

PE kit is comprised of the following items, as set out in our uniform policy:

- White t shirt
- Black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms
- Suitable footwear e.g. trainers, black plimsolls
- Green Hoodie or jumper (no sports designs or logos please)

Children are expected to wear full school uniform on days where they are swimming or do not have a PE lesson. Dark trainers (not light or colourful) are permitted as footwear on these days.

Thank you for your support with this.

### A final thought...

"Childhoods never last. But everyone deserves one." **Wendy Dale**

# Hexham Book Festival

A HUGE thank you to the teachers, teaching assistants and Miss Callaghan for organising us attending this wonderful event!

