



# Henshaw CE Primary School

## Newsletter

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### A Message from the Head Teacher

We are at the end of our first half term in summer and what a great 6 weeks we have had! A HUGE well done to our Year 6 children who took their SATs; we do not need a test to tell us how wonderful you all are, but you faced these national tests with determination and resilience.

We are currently planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Whole Federation Beach Visit' and have now got transport confirmed for the last day of the school year; Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. We will pass on more details of this visit after half term.

Thank you for your continued support to the school and to the adults who work so hard across the Federation to offer the children the very best opportunities and education, we are regularly astounded by the thirst for knowledge and engagement from all of your children.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June,

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

### The West Tyne Federation at Chelsea Flower Show

We are so proud of Charlotte from our Federation, who took a trip down to London at the weekend and start of the week to take part in our on-going work with the National Trust. Charlotte was an ambassador for our Federation and represented our schools as she presented one of the seedlings from the felled Sycamore Gap tree to Dame Judi Dench.

As well as facing many photographers, interviewers and even taking part in a podcast, Charlotte was composed and spoke beautifully about the tree, our schools and our local area. If you haven't had a chance to read any of the articles in the newspapers, these can be found at the Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail, Evening Standard, LBC and The Journal. It even made the local news on BBC, ITV and This Morning! We will keep you updated on the next phase of our plans in the next few newsletters.



### Tyne Class

In Tyne class we have enjoyed reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and retelling the story. During Topic lessons we have been thinking about the lifecycle of a butterfly. In class we have had lots of fun watching our live caterpillars transform into a chrysalis and we are patiently waiting for them to emerge as a butterfly! In Maths, we have started to develop an understanding of symmetry; we have enjoyed painting symmetrical butterflies. At home you might want to think about drawing the life cycle of a butterfly or creating different symmetrical shapes. You can upload photos from home to School 360 for Mrs Alberts to see and share with the class.

### Thames Class

Thames Class have been busy looking at features of non-chronological reports and writing their own about a mini-beast from *Superworm*. In Maths, Year 1 have been sequencing days of the week and months of the year. Year 2 have been reading and writing the time, quarter past and quarter to the hour. In Design and Technology, they have started to look at beach huts, discussing why people may have a beach hut and how they could think about designing their own. The Year ones had a fabulous time at Newbrough playing team games with Greenhead, Newbrough and Wark. Year 2 had a super time at the Synagogue in Newcastle. I wonder if they could tell you some interesting facts?

### Rhine Class

In Rhine Class this week, we have been writing letters asking local businesses for raffle prize donations for our Sport's Day event in July. These are also now being written out in neat as part of handwriting. We have also created our own riddles for poetry and have learnt about how to use apostrophes in our writing. We have started a new maths theme about turns, directions and angles. This has fitted in nicely with our new Geography theme where we were using compasses to find and follow different directions. In P.E., we have had our final swimming lesson where we did our life saving. This linked well to our work in our hot topics book this week on water safety. In R.E., we have been finding out about the Hindu festival of Diwali.

### Nile Class

After completing our SATS (well done Year 6, we are all really proud of you!), the children have been using the internet, a secondary source, to research their own questions about the Dark Age in Ancient Greece. Can the children explain why they should use more than one website to verify their answers?



### Our School Promise

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

**Learning Award - Grace M**

**Etiquette Award - Ella**

**Environmental Award - Alex**

**Kindness Award - Lacey**

**Inclusion Award - Tom, Ivy, Grace S**

**Friendship Award - Maddie**

**Role model Award - Parker, Reece, Jayden**



### Attendance - our target is 96%

Each and every day your child is in school counts. It helps them to remember their prior learning from the day before but also build on this learning the next day. Thank you for your continued support by ensuring your child is in school every day to give them the best education and life chances

Tyne - 90.7%

Thames - 97.7%

Rhine - 91.4%

Nile - 93.3%

Whole School - 93.7%

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half Term week**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Swimming Lessons begin for Year 5/6 children**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - West African Wildlife Workshops**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Vision Screening test - Reception Class**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Rearranged Netball Festival for Year 5.6**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Yr 5/6 -Lockerbie Parents Information Meeting - 3.30pm**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Leavers Graduation event at Newcastle Cathedral**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Quad Kids event for Year 5/6**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Year 3/4 Temple workshop at school**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Lockerbie Residential for Years 5 and 6**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Federation Sports Day and Summer Fair at the Wentworth**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Assembly in school - time tbc**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Year 3/4 visit to Yorvik Centre, York**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Whole Federation Beach visit to South Shields**