



# Henshaw CE Primary School

## Newsletter

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### A Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back everybody! I hope you all had a lovely, restful and enjoyable summer holidays with your families. It has been wonderful to see the children all return to school with so much energy and being so eager to learn. Thank you everyone for abiding by the uniform policy, the children look so smart and ready to learn.

I would really like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the staff at school. They have been in during their summer holidays to reinvigorate our classrooms and learning spaces to ensure they are conducive and effective spaces for teaching and learning. We have a great team of professionals; both working inside and outside the classrooms and I feel truly blessed to work with such a caring and hard-working group of individuals - they really do everything they can for your children.

It has also been remarkable to see how much the inside (and outside) of school has been lifted by the redecoration and it was lovely to hear your thoughts and opinions on this during our Together Tuesday event this week. We will continue to 'flatten the walls' of the school with upcoming events like our Harvest Festival and Workshop Wednesdays - we hope to see you there.

We were all deeply saddened by the news of the Queen's death this week and have ensured that the children have been able to express their feelings and remember the wonderful things that our monarch achieved in her life. We hope you are able to come together as a family this Bank Holiday to celebrate her life.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

### A message from our new Assistant Head Teacher, Miss Munro

I have had a wonderful first two weeks at Henshaw Primary School and would like to thank you all for your warm welcome. It was lovely to see so many of you at our first Together Tuesday event and I hope you enjoyed visiting your children's classes and seeing the wonderful learning environment which we are so proud to work in.

I am looking forward to working with Mr Glenton and our other Federation Assistant Head Teacher, Mrs Makepeace, to take our schools from strength to strength. With your support and collaboration, I am sure this is going to be a fantastic year!

## Class News

### Tyne Class

We've had a fabulous time settling into Reception. We have been exploring our inside and outside provision. This weekend, maybe you could talk to your children about their favourite part of school so far? Could they also tell you about the story of Elmer?

We have been learning about our school routines and have been reading Elmer stories and discussing how we are all different and unique. We have enjoyed our first Commando Jo's session and practiced working as a team. What a great start to school life!

### Thames Class

Thames Class have enjoyed being back at school and seeing their friends. In English we have been learning about Rosa Parks and will be creating our own information poster. Perhaps the children could find out some interesting facts to help with their poster. In Maths, Year 1 have been counting and sorting objects.

Year 2 have been looking at the place value of 2 digits and using a place value chart. We have also enjoyed our first Commando Jo's session. Our class author is Giles Andrea. We will be reading his books at story time each day. Maybe you could share one of Giles Andrea's books together this weekend?

### Rhine Class

Our history has focused on the Viking invasion and the children have met Erik the Red through the class text 'The sage of Erik the Viking' and guided reading sessions. We have shared some Viking myths - i.e. 'Thor and the stolen hammer' - a particular favourite of the children so far. The singing of the Viking song has been a highlight with children also doing the actions. You can find a copy on 'You Tube' by following this link: <https://youtu.be/CvkhUx2k5Qs> Maybe they could teach you the song and the actions?

### Nile Class

What a great start to a new year! Nile class have had a fabulous first lesson swimming at Hexham this week. Nile class have also loved having the opportunity to play teams games while working alongside 'Amy', our new coach working within school in partnership with NUFC. This week the children researched why it is important to stretch and warm up before engaging in sporting activities. Could they tell you why this is and what could happen if they don't?



## 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 - Christopher and Rohan**

**Resilience & Teamwork Award - Harry, Isla, Eleanor and Macy**

**Etiquette Award - Daniel and Emily**

**Environmental Award - Charlotte, Matthew and Eva**

**Kindness Award - Ruby and Tabitha**

**Inclusion Award - Jamie and Caelan**

**Friendship Award - Eve and Charlie**

**Role model Award - Ellie and Hope**

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

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

Tyne Class - 98% Thames Class - 93.8% Rhine Class - 98.2% Nile Class - 93.7%

Whole School 94.4%



### Pre-loved Uniform

We still have a stock of pre-loved uniform if any families require any help with uniform. Please contact the school office if we can help. We are asking for a small donation for any uniform required. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Hancock for taking all the uniform home, laundering it and organising it - what a star!

## Enrichment at Henshaw Primary School

What a great start to the year; seeing so many children taking up the offer of our after school clubs and activities. Thank you to the teachers and coaches for providing these opportunities for our children. Teachers are currently researching possible visits for their classes this term - watch this space!

Next week, we will start whole class singing lessons which will be delivered by Northumberland Music Services. Nile Class can't wait for their ukulele lessons that will start after half term but are really enjoying their swimming lessons. We continue to have NUFC and Commando Jos in for our children which provides expert coaching and gives the children experience of problem-solving and teamwork in sport.

## Dates for the Diary

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** - First singing lessons and ukulele lessons

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** - NSPCC workshops for year 5 and 6

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** - Father Steve's collective worship at school

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** - School Photographer - Individual School photographs

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Celebrations at Henshaw Church 9:30am - parents/carers welcome

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - World Mental Health Day - Lessons in class.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** - Workshop Wednesday 1:45pm - 3:00pm - parent/carers welcome

## NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops

Next week, the children across the Federation will be learning to 'Stay Safe Like Pantosaurus' when they will explore how to speak up and stay safe. Children in Year 1 to 4 will have an assembly which will be followed by a workshop for Year 5 and 6 children. This will ensure our children know what to do if they feel uncomfortable about a situation. Please see the letter sent out today for more information on the important role the NSPCC plays.



## Fundraising for Breast Cancer Now

Katy Wilde (a parent from our school) is taking part in the Cumbria Way 73 mile over two days, raising money for Breast Cancer Now.

Katy will also be having a bake sale on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, outside Nursery main entrance and has kindly offered to split the profit between this charity and Nursery - we hope you enjoy the cakes!

## A final thought...

**It's never too late to be what you might have been George Elliott**