



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone well and you are all looking forward to the summer holidays. It has been a really positive year and Henshaw Primary School has achieved so much in such a short amount of time, especially this last term. A huge thank you to all the adults who work in school to make our community (and whole Federation) such a wonderful place to be. Another thank you to you; our community - who are so supportive, open and honest with us so we can provide the very best for your children.

We still have lots of fun events planned to finish our year; starting with the Sports Day and Summer Fair at The Wentworth Leisure Centre on Monday 10th July. If we could ask parents to arrive no sooner than 12:45pm and queue to the right side of the main doors, we will open the event soon afterwards.

The Year 5 and 6 children are very excited about their upcoming residential to Lockerbie and the Year 6 children are looking forward to their reward day at the Metro Centre.

On Thursday 20th July, we have our Federation Beach visit to South Shields; it is going to be a fabulous day! Please can you ensure children have a change of clothes, hat, suncream, towel, water bottle and packed lunch for this day. Children are also welcome to bring buckets, spades and other sandcastle-building resources! Can we take this opportunity to say a MASSIVE thank you to the Beltingham with Henshaw Parish Council, the Bowes Lyons Trust and St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge Mothers' Union who have so generously made donations towards this visit, along with being subsidised by the school. This has ensured we have kept costs passed on to parents low. We are also using any profits we have made from the sale of lollypops so that each child can have an ice-cream at the beach.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Summer Reading Challenge

Next week, we will have a visit from The Library Service to introduce the children to this year's Summer Reading Challenge;

Ready, Set, Read which will take place at the libraries in Haltwhistle and Hexham. Children aged 4-11 can sign up at their local library from **Saturday 8 July** and if they can read six books over the Summer, then there are prizes and goodies to be won!



Class News

Tyne Class

Tyne Class spent last Tuesday at Greenhead School with our friends in Reception. We walked to Thirwell Castle and explored the ruin. We then practised using different coins at the local tearoom to pay for a delicious cupcake and drink. Maybe you could buy something at the shops using different coins or you could create your own shop at home? In the afternoon we played at the local park and then explored the wonderful forest area. We loved swinging in the hammock. What a great day!

Thames Class

Thames class have had a busy week this week. We have had an amazing time at Walltown, sculpture making and watching a super performance. We have enjoyed meeting our new teachers on transition day and a visit from the firemen to discuss fire safety. Year 2 have been collecting data to make their own tally charts and tables. Year 1 have used clocks to practise reading the time to o'clock and half past. In English we have been practising using contractions and reading common exception words. In RE we have looked at baptisms and a Muslim wedding. We have used the maps to find tourist landmarks in Whitby. Perhaps the children could show you some key features on Google maps?

Rhine Class

This week in Rhine Class, we have been busy doing our report writing and working on our end of year quizzes in maths, reading and spelling/grammar. In our design and technology, we made healthy snacks and packaging for our Summer Fair to be held at the Wentworth Centre. We had a super transition day where we got to meet our new teachers, teaching assistants and classmates. We worked on our class pledge - to create wildlife habitats, which was followed by our Workshop Wednesday - where we found out about sugar and carried out scientific investigations using sugar, as part of our work on Fairtrade. We also enjoyed the opportunity to go to Walltown to watch an ecological odyssey performance by the Wilding Theatre. If you visit <https://miscreations.co.uk/> you can find out more about their current projects.

Nile Class

During Workshop Wednesday, the children worked well alongside their family members and their friends. After looking at why buying fair-trade coffee supports coffee farmers, the children then created fabulous landscapes using coffee to create a range of tones across a mountain range. The work produced by the children was very imaginative, well done everyone. The next time you go shopping, perhaps you could count how many products you spot with the fair-trade logo?



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 - Lockie, Charlie, Eve

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Harry B, Ruby, Rhine Class

Etiquette Award - Elizabeth, Tyne Class, Harry B

Environmental Award - Evie, Macy

Kindness Award - Charlie, Daniel, Arty

Inclusion Award - Eva Grm

**Role model Award - Grace S, Maddie, Alfie, Harry B, Cain, Findlay, Ruby,
Charlotte C**



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 - 100% Thames - 96% Rhine - 91.7% Nile - 96.8%

Whole School - 95.3%

Our target for attendance is 95%

School Uniform

If you have any pre-loved uniform that does not fit your child/children anymore, please feel free to donate it to school (if possible, freshly laundered) and we will add it to our pre-loved provision.

On the last Tuesday of term, we will place our stock in the hall, before and after school, for parents/carers to come and get any uniform they may need for next year. All we ask is for a small donation for each item (£1) taken so we can continue to buy storage boxes and wash uniform if needed.



Winning Raffle Tickets

The winning raffle tickets for the Fairtrade raffle are: **591, 597, 603, 600, 613, 589 and 632**
Please ring the school to arrange collection of your prize and bring your ticket along on collection!

Before and After School Clubs and Activity Clubs for next year

In September, Henshaw Nursery will continue to offer Before School Club (every day before school) and After School Club (Tuesday to Friday)

Specific after school clubs run until 4:20pm and a sign-up sheet will come out to parents in the first week back, ready for these clubs to start in the second week. Again, we will offer a variety of activities and these will be at both Henshaw and Greenhead Schools. Children are welcome to attend any club across the Federation.

Contact details and information required from the school office for next year

As we approach the end of the year, please can we ask all parents and carers to ensure their School Gateway accounts are up-to-date and there are no outstanding balances by 21st July. Swimming will not be taking place in the Autumn Term, so this will not appear on School Gateway until later in the year. This will help us to start the new school year effectively. If your contact details have changed, please inform the school ASAP so emergency contact details are current. Thank you.

Dates for the diary

Monday 10th July - Sports Day at the Wentworth, 1pm to 2:30pm, Summer Fair afterwards

Wednesday 12th - 14th July - Lockerbie residential for Year 5 and 6 children

Monday 17th July - Year 6 reward visit to the Metrocentre - arrive at Henshaw at 8:20am

Tuesday 18th July - Preloved Uniform Sale in school (before and after school)

Wednesday 19th July - Reports out to parents

Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 leavers assembly (parents welcome to attend) 9:00am

Thursday 20th July - Whole Federation Beach Trip

Friday 21st July - Final day of term

Have a lovely, restful Summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in September for another school year.

School closes for Summer holidays on Friday 21st July and reopens to children on Tuesday 5th September; Monday 4th September is a teacher training day.

A final thought...

How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard

A.A Milne