



## **Henshaw CE Primary School**

### **Newsletter**

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

Hello everyone, I hope you have all had a good fortnight since the last newsletter. Please could I take this opportunity to say some thank you's...To all the staff in our Federation who worked incredibly hard to organise and run our Sports Day event at the Wentworth, a big thank you - it really was a wonderful afternoon. Thank you to our community for travelling down to the Wentworth for this event. I think it was an amazing opportunity for our children to compete on a real track and athletics field. A big well done to all the children as well, they were fantastic and a credit to us all. From the event, we raised an incredible £450 for the Federation which will go towards enrichment opportunities for our children.

It is hard to believe that we are already in July - where has the time gone! Teachers are busy writing your child's end of year report and these will go out in the last week of term.

For health reasons, please can I remind everyone that we have a 'no nut' policy in school. It is important that we ensure this to keep every member of our school safe.

On Wednesday, we sent out a questionnaire, via email and a paper copy, so you could share your thoughts on our school. Please can I ask parents and carers to return their school questionnaires as soon as possible to the office. This will really assist us to gather the views of our supportive community.

I hope you all have a lovely, long weekend and we will see you on Tuesday.

Best wishes. Mr Glenton

#### **Reading Buddies**

If you are free to help in our school on a regular basis, why don't you volunteer to become a reading buddy? It makes such an enormous difference when children are listened to read regularly, and this voluntary role will really help our children in school to become fluent readers. A DBS check will need to be completed before you start but we will organise this. If you are interested and feel you can give a few hours each week, please contact the school office.

## Class News

### Tyne Class

In Reception we have continued to learn about Africa. We've learnt facts about The Gambia and created a poster. We have been weaving our own African style baskets. In maths we've been learning about money and how to use coins to pay for things. We have created an ice cream and cake cafe to practise using coins. Maybe you could ask your child to identify the coins in your purse. They could practise paying for something next time you go shopping. We celebrated International Mud day with our friends in Nursery and used our Forest area to make mud. We then painted with it, made a mud slide, created balls for target practise, made lots of yummy food in our mud kitchen and face painted each other. Great fun! It has been exciting to watch our caterpillars grow and they are now in their cocoons so hopefully we will soon have butterflies.

### Thames Class

Class Thames have enjoyed finding out about Victorian schools. The children enjoyed acting out the role of a Victorian teacher. We have been writing diary entries and focussing on the past tense. In Maths we have started to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes. Perhaps they could look for shapes at home and talk about how many sides and faces they have. In Science we have looked at the features of animals and discussed what they need to survive. We have had a fantastic time making a carriage for the Queen in Commando Joes. We used our creative skills to design and make a wooden spoon person to sell at sports day.

### Rhine Class

In Rhine Class this week, our English focus has been diary writing. The children have read famous historical diary entries from Robert Scott, Anne Frank and Samuel Pepys and discussed why these are still important for us today. In History, we have learnt about the reasons why it would have been hard for the Romans to conquer Scotland. In Maths, both year groups have been investigating angles, with the year 4 extending this by learning how to measure using a protractor whilst also continuing their work on co-ordinates. In R.E., we have been looking at the similarities in ceremonies. French, we have been learning the names of family members - i.e. la mere, le pere, le frere et la seour and using ma, mon and mes. If you have any family photographs that the children could put into their French books and label, please send them in. They can be the immediate family or the extended family.

### Nile Class

The Nile class have been completing their non-chronological reports about Ancient Greece. In Maths, Year 6 have been working out angles around a point and on a straight line. You can practice at home by asking the children what types of angles they can see in the house. Year 5 have been learning to convert between kilometres and metres. You can practice at home by looking at different ingredients and asking the children to convert the units. We had a great time celebrating our local history, along with our friends from Greenhead. As part of the anniversary of Hadrian's Wall, we took part in a dance and drumming workshop. We learned a routine inspired by the life of a Roman Soldier, which was filled with battle formations, marching and chanting. We then performed our routine at Walltown Crag, against the stunning backdrop of Hadrian's Wall.



## 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** - Jack, Alex, Harry R, Lewis F, Arty W

**Resilience & Teamwork award** - Ivy, Louise, Grace S

**Etiquette award** - Vince, Alicia

**Environmental award** - Kian, Elizabeth, Alice

**Inclusion award** - Hope

**Friendship award** - Alissia

**Role model award** - Grace M, Macy C



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

Attendance:

Class 1 - 95.2%   Class 2 - 92.6%   Class 3 - 94.3%   Class 4 - 88.4%

## Raffle Ticket Winners

The raffle ticket winners from our Sports Day event are: 949, 980, 938, 879, 990, 922, 943, 909, 963, 880. Please ring the office to claim your prize and collect it at the end of the day. This winning ticket stub will be needed on collection. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Broadbent for organising the prizes for the raffle which was very successful.

### **Workshop Wednesday - 13<sup>th</sup> July at 8:50am**

This half term, our Workshop Wednesday will be on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 8:50am. Parents/carers are invited into our school to take part in outdoor games and activities. Please let the office know if you would like to attend so we can organise refreshments.

### **Dates for the Diary**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Library Book Challenge Assembly**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Angie Scott (NHS nurse & Labour candidate) Assembly on British Values**

**Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> July - End of year reports out to parents**

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

### **School Uniform**

Under new DfE Guidelines, [Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk), we have published our School Uniform policy on our website and you can also find a copy attached to this newsletter. The governors and I have taken the steps to try and reduce the cost of school uniform including:

- Setting up a pre-loved uniform provision. Please can parents continue to donate any school uniform which is clean but no longer needed. Especially as your child moves up to the next year group, any pre-loved uniform will be greatly appreciated.
- Changing the School Uniform policy to allow leggings to be worn for PE, and PE kit to be worn to school on PE days (Not including swimming days).
- Allowing children to wear dark coloured trainers instead of stipulating shoes. However, these trainers should be not be colourful (e.g. bright blue or green).

We hope this will help parents during this challenging time. Please could we ask that if you are getting your child's ears pierced during Summer holidays, this is done at the start of holidays. This will give them time to heal so they can be removed for the start of the new school year. Also, in line with the School Uniform policy, please can we ask that jewellery is not worn in school (in particular, we have noticed a lot of bracelets and necklaces coming into school in recent weeks). We really appreciate your support with this.

### **A Final Thought...**

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."

**Dalai Lama**