



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

A warm welcome back to school after the summer holidays - I do hope you all had a lovely break and managed to make some great memories with your families and children.

All children have settled back into school and are already showing great pride in their work and focus in lessons. Our online platforms (Spelling Shed, Sumdog and Emilie) will all be up and running by the end of next week so please continue to support your children with these - regular practise, as well as reading their school books with them, really do make all the difference.

Class emails are now also live so, if you need to get in contact with your class teacher, please email them at their class name followed by @westtynefederation.uk Could I ask all parents to send a quick message to their classes email address so teachers have got your contact email.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Start of the Day

Thank you for supporting us as we moved to a slightly earlier start time of 8:40am. The vast majority of the children have been on time for the start of school, which really helps with ensuring no learning is missed and that teachers can start the routines of the day straight away.

If your child is later than 8:40am at the start of the school day, please go to the office and sign in the registration book whereby an adult can then escort children down to their class.

Tyne Class have been enjoying the story of 'Elmer' this week. We have been thinking about what makes us unique and we have celebrated our individuality through circle times and focused activities. We have talked a lot about feelings and emotions recently, using the story of 'The Colour Monster' to help us verbalise our own emotions. In maths, we have been exploring objects and talking about their similarities and differences. We are beginning to think about grouping objects and we will continue this next week. We have taken part in our first PE session this week which we thoroughly enjoyed and have also been busy in our garden pouring, lifting, building and jumping! We are becoming so confident during choosing time, we have picked up routines well and are amazing at tidying up!

In Thames Class, we have been doing our daily phonics, where we have been reading and writing using our phonic knowledge. In maths, we have been doing place value activities and finding numbers before and after a given number. In history, we have been learning about homes, schools and toys from the past. In DT, we have been learning about tools for cutting, slicing and grating. In P. E., we have done some teamwork in Commando Joe. It has been a great start to the year!

Rhine class have settled back well into school after their holidays. They have been working on place value up to 1000 and 10,000. Identifying the value of the digits and flexibly partitioning the numbers.

In English they have looked at the poet Benjamin Zephaniah and identifying the features of his poetry. In science they have looked at rocks and compared different types. They have also enjoyed looking at timelines and physically making one to consolidate their understanding of how long-ago events occurred in history.

Welcome back!

I hope everybody has had a wonderful summer break. The children in Nile class have started this term with very high standards with regards to following the school rules and their work ethic. This half term the children in Nile class will have the opportunity to try out an online computer reading program called Reading Plus. This involves each child reading a short text at their own rate and answering questions related to the text. This will be done in school every morning but it can also be tried out at home too. The login details will be found inside your child's reading record. The aim of this program is to help improve the rate at which each child reads independently.



Let's Celebrate!

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

Learning Award - Scarlett, Reuben, Richard, Charlotte P, Charlotte C, Belle, Robbie, Aidan, Fox

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Tobin, Sophie, Lewis

Etiquette Award - Charlie, Tommie

Environmental Award - Koa, Aidan, Rosie T, Isla

Kindness Award - Harvey, Lilly L,

Inclusion Award - Emily

Friendship Award - Lincoln

Role model Award - Rhys, Archie, Fearne, Ella, Angus

Weekly Attendance:

Tyne - 98.89%

Thames - 97.59%

Rhine - 99.29%

Nile - 96.0%

Whole School - 98.11%

Our attendance target is 96%, please help your child's class reach this target by ensuring your child attends school regularly.



Attendance

Regular attendance at school has been proven to **drastically improve** the attainment and progress of children across the curriculum, especially during their formative primary-school years. **Please** continue to support your child's life chances by taking holidays in the 13 weeks school holiday period and ensuring your child is at school every day. As per the DfE guidelines from 2024, family holidays can no longer be authorised by the Head Teacher and is likely to result in a fixed penalty notice, issued from the Local Authority.

Workshop Wednesday and Parent Consultations

We are pleased to tell you that our next Workshop Wednesday will be on October 8th at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend to join in the learning with their children. Parent Consultations will take place in the first few weeks of next half term and letters for this will be out before half term holidays.

Wet Weather Incoming!

We are definitely now in autumn, with the wind and the frequent rain showers one minute and lovely sunshine the next!

Please can all parents ensure that children have a coat in school every day, even if it is sunny in the morning - don't you just love the changeable British weather?!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 15th September - Individual school photos

Wednesday 17th September - Father Steve Worship assembly

Wednesday 8th October 9am - Workshop Wednesday (parents welcome)

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th October - Year 5 and 6 Bikeability, more information to follow via letter

Thursday 23rd October 2pm - Harvest Festival at All Hallows Church (all families welcome)

Half Term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

A Final Thought...

You are braver than you believe,
Stronger than you seem and
Smarter than you think.

A. A Milne