Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to speak to so many of you at our Parent Consultations this week and the teachers have really enjoyed sharing with you the great progress and work your children have been doing in school over the past term.

All our Harvest Festival donations were received by the Hexham Food Bank and they would like to offer their heart-felt thanks for your support of this local charity.

At the end of November, we say goodbye to Mrs J, who will be starting her maternity leave. Mrs Mowbray, who works in school as our wonderful HLTA and is a qualified teacher, has been successful and has been appointed to the role of class teacher for the end of the week in Year 1.2.

Best wishes,

Mr Glenton

Christmas Dates

The dates for our festive celebrations were shared with our community last week. These are also listed on the back page of this newsletter and we are looking forward to seeing you at the Christingle and the Christmas performances.

Once again, Key Stage 2 will be performing at Haydon Bridge High school with our sister school, Henshaw Primary. A letter will follow next week with how to order tickets for the production.

A fabulous week in Tyne Class. We have learnt about Diwali, made a Diva and created an Indian restaurant. We have made Diwali sparklers too. We went to the cenotaph in Bardon Mill and took our God's eye poppies that we made. We have started to practise our Christmas play called the 'Twinkly Nativity' and they are doing so well learning the songs.

Thames Class have had a busy start to the new term. In PSHE we learnt about Remembrance Day and the significance of poppies. We made a beautiful wreath of poppies which we put up in our classroom. In History we have been learning about Christopher Columbus and the different countries he discovered. We have already started practising for our Christmas performance and rehearsals are going really well with some beautiful singing. In Science we have been learning to work 'Scientifically' and have been investigating the quickest way to melt ice and free the trapped lego people! Can your child remember which was the quickest way to melt ice?

Rhine class have been having fun working scientifically to inflate balloons with a gas which is released when vinegar and bicarbonate of soda are mixed together. I am sure the children will be able to explain the experiment to you. In English they have been thinking about the features to include in a newspaper report in preparation to write their own. In PE they have been creative in developing a dance to the James Bond theme tune.

This term, Nile class have been learning the songs for this years Remembrance Day Service with the help of Mr Reed. As a collective group, they sound amazing. The know exactly when to sing and the solo singers have worked hard on their parts too. This has linked with the fact that have been studying WWI and the meaning of each of the four poppies. Please ask your children what they know about poppies and the meaning of each colour.









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 – John James, Leo H and Ella , Mia C

Resilience & Teamwork Award – Tom, Miah, Fearne

Etiquette Award – Reuben, Emily

Environmental Award – Jacob, Daryl, Libby

Kindness Award – Kaitlyn, Jacob

Inclusion Award – Myla

Friendship Award – Koa

Role model Award – Poppy, Gracie, Ellie



Weekly Attendance:

Nile 95.5%

Rhine 96.52%

Thames 90.38%

Tyne 90.36%

Whole school 93.53%

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

School Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing our school uniform policy. Having a school uniform helps to give our children a sense of community as well as meet our health and safety objectives. Please could we continue to ensure children are not wearing earrings in school, instead having spacers in place if needed. We will be providing a pre-loved school uniform sale in the next few weeks in case parents need a top-up of any items for next term.

Remembrance Day

This week, Henshaw and Greenhead joined 9 other schools from across the county to mark Remembrance Day at Hexham Abbey.

Over the past two months, our Federation has organised and led this event so that we can remember but also celebrate the lives of those who fought and gave their lives for our country; either in the past or in the present day.

As well as singing with the 200-strong group of children, our pupils took part in readings, lighting candles and the 2-minute silence. It was wonderful to see so many of our community there to support this event and our schools; it was a really memorable event.







Dates for the Diary

Friday 4th December – Christingle at All Hallows 1:30pm, families welcome

Monday 7th December – Xmas Jumper Day; £1 donation; Save the Children

Tuesday 8th December – Key Stage 2 to Haydon Bridge High School, Rehearsal Day

Wednesday 9th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas production at Haydon Bridge High School, 2pm and 4:30pm – tickets to be available soon

Friday 11th December - Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas performance, School Hall, 2pm

Thursday 17th December – Christmas lunch

Friday 18th December – Last Day of Term, School reopens Tuesday 5th January

A Final Thought…

Every sunset is an opportunity to reset, every sunrise begins with new eyes

Richie Norton