



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to all our children, parents and community; we hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday, and we are thrilled to start another school year with lots of exciting opportunities and learning across our Federation.

May I take this opportunity to say congratulations to Mrs Turnbull (formally Miss Keith) and welcome to Mrs Connolly; our new Early Years T/A, working the start of the week in Reception. Also, Mrs Jameson (Mrs J so not to confuse our other Mrs Jameson!) who is joining us as class teacher for Reception at the end of the week.

Clubs have started up this week and have already been a massive hit; thank you to all the T/As and Teachers who give up their time to provide these wonderful enrichments for the children within their own time. Please can I ask parents to ensure children are collected promptly at 4:20pm at the front entrance of school.

We are now part of the Durham and Newcastle Diocese Learning Trust, and we have been warmly welcomed into our new family of schools. Please bear with us as we incorporate new policies, procedures and guidance into our routines and school life.

There may be a few 'teething problems' along the way (thank you for your understanding especially with ParentPay!) but these new ways of working will ensure continued improvements across the Federation. In particular, a HUGE thank you to Mrs Coleman and Mrs Slater who are working hard to make these systems work.

Please check out the dates for the diary as we have got some wonderful enrichments and community events coming up.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Disabled Parking

Can I remind parents not to park in the disabled bay at school unless you hold a blue disabled badge and this is clearly visible in your windscreen. We have several members of our community who are registered disabled and it is vital that they are able to park here. We do appreciate your support in this.

Class News

Tyne Class

All the children have had an amazing start in Tyne Class, settling into the new routines and classroom environment. We have enjoyed reading Elmer and talking about why we are beautiful and unique. In Maths we have started to develop an understanding of numbers to five. We particularly enjoyed showing numbers up to five using our hands and fingers. During phonics we have been thinking about the sound 'm' and matching objects to the correct sound e.g. monkey. You might want to go on a sound walk around your home or the local area finding something beginning with the sound 'm'. You are welcome to upload photos from home to 360, for your teachers to see and share with the class.

Thames Class

Thames class have been settling into their new routines very quickly. They have been looking at place value in Maths, counting forwards and backwards and representing numbers in different ways. In English they have been looking at the features of non-chronological reports in preparation to write their own about Neil Armstrong. Perhaps they could research a fact about Neil Armstrong or Space at home. In Science we have started to look at the properties and uses of everyday materials, discussing which materials are transparent or opaque.

Rhine Class

In Rhine Class this week, we have been writing diary entries for inanimate objects. The children have been really imaginative - one child wrote about a ruler: I could feel my spine slowly breaking. You will be pleased to know that it didn't break, the teacher intervened in time! In Maths, we have been representing and partitioning numbers to 10,000. In Science, we have been learning about the plant life cycle and went to find seeds in our school grounds, so that we can have a go at starting up a new cycle.

In P.E., we have started our module on Netball and learning the skills of chest passing and moving about to free ourselves up to receive the ball. Our music has been Bob Marley 'Three Little Birds' and we have started our French by learning the French alphabet and counting up to 10. The children all have spelling lists now and our first quiz will be on Monday. Can they please practise these at home this weekend.

Nile Class

What a great start to a new year! Everyone has settled back into the routine of school life with ease and the work being produced is of a very high standard. Well done Nile Class! Over the past week we have been creating 3D metal butterflies, working alongside Mrs Coulson (Art Teacher from Hayden Bridge High School). The work produced has been amazing and will be displayed at the Sill as part of an art exhibition involving local schools. Over the next week can the children in Nile class try and name as many British butterflies as possible.



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 - Alicia, Rosie J

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Christopher

Etiquette Award - Charlie

Environmental Award - Eve, Emily W

Kindness Award - Lilly L

Inclusion Award - Ollie

Friendship Award - Ella

Role model Award - Lewis, Macy, Zach



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 - 96.36%

Thames - 98.88%

Rhine - 94.64%

Nile - 94.44%

Whole School - 95.93%

Our target for attendance is 95%

Virtual Reality at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation

We are very excited to announce that we have purchased 16 pairs of virtual reality headsets for the children across our Federation. Teachers were given a demo and training of these remarkable pieces of equipment over our Professional development days, and they are currently writing programmes to interweave the use of virtual reality into some of our lessons. Keep an eye on Facebook in the next few weeks as the children will be 'let loose' on these devices within lessons.



McMillan Coffee Morning at Bardon Mill Village Hall

To support this wonderful cause, our local community are running a coffee morning on **Saturday 21st September, 10am - 12pm** to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Charity. This will be at Bardon Mill village Hall and entry will be £3.

Could we ask our school communities for any donations (shop bought or freshly baked!) to add to this event. **Cakes can be brought in on Thursday or Friday morning** and we will transport them to the event, ready to raise lots of money! For this worthwhile cause. We hope to see you there!

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

GREENHEAD

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

HARVEST

10 AM - 2PM

FAIR

JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC

FROM THE BRAMPTON REIVERS, FOOD FROM THE YELLOW BIRD CAFE AND WILDE BAKES, CRAFT STALLS, BEERS, BOUNCY CASTLE, GAMES, TOMBOLA AND LOTS OF LOVELY PRIZES!!!

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With special performances by Hannah Lucy Stage School and Lydia Howdon current Adult Irish Dancing Champion



Dates for the diary

Invitations for Year 5 and 6 to sign up to our Lockerbie residential will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Thurs 19th September - Father Steve into school for collective worship

Thurs 19th September - Individual photographs - children to come into school in uniform and if they have PE, change in school for their lesson

Wed 25th September - NSPCC workshops for Year 2 and Year 5.6 - further information to follow

Weds 25th September - Diversity Role Models visiting school - Key Stage 2 - further information to follow

Fri 27th September - Year 5.6 visit to The Sill to mark the Sycamore Gap Anniversary

Wed 2nd October - Beamish workshop (in school) for Key Stage 2 classes

Wed 9th October - Workshop Wednesday - 2pm all family members welcome to attend

Fri 25th October - Harvest Festival 1:30pm at All Hallows Church - all welcome to attend

A final thought...

It is never too late to be what you might have been

George Elliot