



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and you are all getting prepared as we head into the Christmas period (only 5 and a half weeks left!) It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying their learning as they have returned after the half term break, with a visit to Holy Island, A Remembrance Day Celebration and lots of learning and fun being had in classrooms. Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend parent consultations this week, it is a good opportunity to find out about how your child is doing in school and to ask any questions. Please do get in touch with the class teacher if you were not able to attend and a follow up appointment can be made.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Remembrance Day - A Celebration

Once again, we celebrated Remembrance Day, as a Federation, and marked this with all of our Key Stage 2 children travelling and performing at Holy Cross Church in Haltwhistle.

It was wonderful to see so many of you there to join in with this special event and, as well as being joined by Father Steve, our 'sister Trust Schools' Wark and Newbrough also came. Together, we performed two songs and our Year 6 children took part in readings and poetry recitals. Each of the schools made a Remembrance Day Wreath to lay and we all took part in the 2-minute silence.

We would like to say thank you to Holy Cross Church for hosting us but also to our CEO, Paul Rikeard, for coming and telling us stories from his own family, regarding World War 2. We couldn't think of a better way to commemorate this day than coming together as a community.



Class News

In Tyne Class we have been reading the story 'Little Glow'. We talked about different celebrations of light in detail for example, Bonfire Night and Diwali. We had lots of fun creating a big pretend bonfire during our Forest Schools session. We enjoyed making beautiful Diya lamps using clay and sat down as a group to meditate. For Remembrance Day, we created poppies to think about the soldiers in World War One. At home you can continue focusing on your reading books and letter formation sheets.

Thames class have been working on partitioning numbers up to 100 and recognising where the numbers should be placed on a number line. In English we have enjoyed writing shape poems about classroom objects using our knowledge of verbs, nouns and adjectives. We have started to practise gymnastics in PE and have mastered some excellent balances. In Science we have looked at the legacy of Robert Hooke. I am sure the children will enjoy explaining what he discovered.

In Rhine Class this week, we have been working on our newspaper article about the Viking Invasion of Lindisfarne, following our fantastic experience on the island. In maths, we have been learning how to do the inverse operation to check our answers. The children are very competent now to carry out addition and subtraction including exchange. In P.E., we have started both our gymnastics and dance modules. In history, we have found out more about the first recorded Viking Invasion in Britain. In science, we have been finding out how water is transported in plants. Our theme for science is working scientifically and I am sure that the children would love to have a go at some practical science investigations outside of school too.

For Science this half term the children will be exploring how to work scientifically. They will look at independent and dependant variables and how to ensure that the data they have collected is correct, drawing conclusions for their discoveries. Why not try and perform an experiment at home such as, 'What will happen to shaving foam if I squirt it and leave it over night?' The children can make their predictions and then test it out. It would be great to share their discoveries with the rest of the class.



Our School Promise

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

Learning Award - Freddie G, Robert

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Charlie, Billy, Jamie, Finley, Lincoln, Tobin, Sophie, Harry, Rhys (Henshaw Football Team)

Environmental Award - Gracie

Kindness Award - Lewis

Role model Award - Esmee



Attendance:

Tyne - 100%

Thames - 97.08%

Rhine - 98.21%

Nile - 96.67%

Whole School - 97.78%

The Department for Education guidance for attendance changed in August this year. Head Teachers are now unable to authorise holidays in term time. Guidance also states that 5 days of unauthorised absence should be reported to the local authority. Please be aware that we, as a school and like other schools, are duty bound to follow this legislation and we cannot authorise family holidays, except for in the most exceptional of circumstances.

Colder weather incoming!



The weather is set to get rather chilly over the next few weeks. Please could all children have coats in school for breaktimes and a pair of slippers for when they are in the classroom.

Anti Bullying Day

It was wonderful to see all classes focussing on anti-bullying recently, marking this day by wearing odd socks and discussing friendship and what to do if we do not get along. Children continue to explore relationships and celebrating differences in both assemblies and weekly PSHCE lessons.

Hexham Food Bank

We have received a lovely video from the Hexham food bank (available on our Facebook Page) to show their appreciation for your wonderful donations of food items for our local community. If you are in need of their services and would like to enquire what they offer, please contact [01434700068](tel:01434700068) or email on getintouch@westnorthumberlandfoodbank.org.uk

School book Fair

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to our families and community for supporting our book fair last week. Through book sales, we have raised over £218 to spend on brand new books to add to our well-stocked libraries. Also, a big THANK YOU to all the adults in school who helped at the end of a busy school day to give our children this opportunity.



Homework

I am thrilled to tell you that **over 95%** of our pupils completed and presented their last homework, all about themselves. It was amazing to see how much pride they had when showing their work to their peers. This half term's homework is a DT focus.

Christmas Dates for the diary

Wednesday 11th December - Key Stage 1 and Reception Nativity - 2pm

Friday 13th December - Year 1 and 2 Life Centre Visit, including ice skating

Tuesday 17th December - Key Stage 2 to HBHS, rehearsal day

Wednesday 18th December - Key Stage 2 to HBHS, Rehearsal and performance at 2pm and 4:30pm.

Thursday 19th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19th Dec - Christingle at All Hallows Church, parents welcome to attend

Friday 20th December - Christmas Parties! More information to follow

School closes for Christmas and New Year Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January 2025 Teacher Training Day

School reopens on Tuesday 7th January 2025