



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

It is my pleasure to welcome all of our families and children back to Henshaw Primary School after a restful and relaxing summer holiday; we hope you have all had a lovely 6 weeks break together.

We have a jam-packed term ahead of us and Christmas will be upon us before we know it! Could I ask all parents, who have children who have moved into a new class group, to send a quick email to the class email addresses so that teachers have your contact details - we have found this is the quickest and easiest way to get this information where it needs to be! Class emails are:

tyne@westtynefederation.uk Reception

thames@westtynefederation.uk Year 1 and 2

rhine@westtynefederation.uk Year 3 and 4

nile@westtynefederation.uk Year 5 and 6

I am thrilled with the continued improvements to the school which you would have undoubtedly noticed. New windows and doors have been fitted to make the school more energy efficient and to keep the cold northern winters out! We have had the whole of our front fencing replaced for safety, especially with our lovely new pond area. We have also had the classrooms painted to give them a 'lift'. Can I take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to Mrs Bowes, who, although she was working over the summer in the Nursery holiday club, was always on hand for workmen and gave her time to allow these important improvements to go ahead.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Reading in Early Years and Key Stage 1

We have continued to invest in our phonics resources and the teaching and learning of phonics in Early Years and Key Stage 1. It is vital that children are heard read or share books with their adults regularly. Please ensure your child has their organisers and books in their book bags every day to help us make accelerated progress with your child.

Class News

Tyne Class

Tyne class have had another fantastic week settling in and getting to know our school routines. This week we started learning our phonics using our RWI programme. The children are really enjoying being part of phonics club, so much so that they set up their own afternoon phonics club and took it in turns to teach their friends and me! How fantastic is that! Can you tell your adults the sounds we have learnt this week? Can you tell them the ditties and have a go at writing the letters on your practise sheets?

Thames Class

Thames class have enjoyed being back in class. We have been reading a poem by Michael Rosen and writing our own version using rhyming words. In Maths we have been looking at place value. Year 2 have been partitioning numbers and Year 1 have been finding 'one more' and counting along a number track. In Science we have started to look at the seasons and discuss which animals hibernate and which ones migrate. We have composed our own Internet Safety song and sang it in class. In History we will be looking at life in the 1950s. The children could enhance their understanding by asking their relatives about life in this era.

Rhine Class

In Rhine Class this week, we have been hunter gatherers and have started looking at our history theme 'Through the Ages'. We have become familiar with the timeline and have thought about how stone age people would have lived - i.e. cooked, made clothes, hunted etc. In English, we have been looking at our significant author Roald Dahl and have created a fact file about him. We have also been introduced to our poet 'Benjamin Zephaniah'. In maths, we have been looking at place value and learning how to build, write and explain numbers to 1000 for Year 3 and 10,000 for Year 4. In P.E., we have started our work on netball and in Commando Joe session, we have learnt a bit about Bear Grylls and completed our first mission - to transport water from one place to another. It has been a fantastic start to our new year.

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 exploring all of the Maths resources available for the children to support their learning and problem-solving activities. It has been a pleasure to watch everyone explore possible ways to represent the same answer using numbers, counters or base ten. This week the children will be continuing to look at place value, please look at exploring what happens to numbers when you times them by 10, 100 or 1000. Can your child explain the process and what has happened to the value of each digit?



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 - Cooper, Charlie, Reece B, Jack By, Arthur B

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Lincoln, Charlotte Cy, Alex, Christopher

Etiquette Award - Fenn, Jamie

Environmental Award - Ellie, Freddy N

Kindness Award - Lacey, Tobin

Inclusion Award - Macy, Harry

Friendship Award - Eva Gm, Alex

Role model Award - Matthew, Elizabeth, Freddie G

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 - 100% Thames - 95.8% Rhine - 99.1% Nile - 96.7% Whole School - 97.8%

Our Attendance Target is 95%



Welcome Betty and Wilma!

After a few teething problems (although chickens do not have teeth!) our new chickens have arrived! Each class came up with names for our new residents and Wilma and Betty were the winning ones. They now have a new hutch, complete with a run, and a pen outside of that. The children will be taking care of our new hens and collecting their eggs daily.

With the addition of our new pond, several squirrels being sighted and now the new chickens, Henshaw is full of wildlife at the moment!



A HUGE HENSHAW WELCOME to our two new staff members:

Mrs Bell, who is joining us in Reception Class, as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Bell has experience of working in an Early Years provision previously and will be in school on a Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs Downey, who is joining us as our new Midday Supervisor. Mrs Downey will be working throughout the week and will be engaging the children in games and activities at lunchtime.

MacMillan Coffee Morning at Bardon Mill Village Hall -30.9.23

To support this wonderful cause, our local community are running a coffee morning on **Saturday 30th September, 10am - 1pm** to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Charity.

We will be holding a school stall at the event too and would like to ask our school community for any donations (shop bought or freshly baked!) to add to this event. Cakes can be brought in on the Monday morning and we will transport them to the event, ready to raise lots of money for this amazing charity!

We hope to see you there!



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Parking at our school

We are very lucky to have a car park at school as many other local, small schools do not have this. We do have limited parking at school and the car park is busy during pick up or drop off times. We have had several emails from worried parents regarding parking at school, especially regarding the zig zag lines and pavement outside of school. Please can I remind parents that this is a **parking offense** and I have witnessed cars being given tickets for parking on these lines in the past. There is space to park further down the road or, if this is full, further down towards the village, which is just a short walk away from the school.

It is not the job of any staff member to police or monitor the car park, however I am in contact with Neil Snowdon and our local councillor to come up with solutions to the congestion.

Please can I ask that adults park responsibly as I continue to work with the appropriate bodies to hopefully come to some sort of resolution.

Dates for the diary

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

Monday 18th September - School Clubs begin

Thursday 21st September - Individual School Photos (8.30am Families, 9.00am school)

Monday 9th October - NHS Nasal Flu Immunisations Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 11th October - **9am-10am** Workshop Wednesday; all parents and carers welcome into school

Wednesday 25th October 9am - Harvest celebration at Henshaw Church; all parents and carers welcome to attend

Friday 27th October - Last Day of half term, school returns on Monday 6th November

Week commencing 6th November - Parent consultation week

A final thought...

And suddenly, you just know; it's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings. Anon