



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Happy New Year to you all and we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

We have begun January with a cold snap but this has not stopped the children working hard with their learning and enjoying their time at break and lunchtimes. Thank you for continuing to send the children in with warm coats, gloves and hats (most of which are labelled!)

We have our half termly Workshop Wednesday coming up in a couple of weeks, on Wednesday 29th January. This will be at 2:15pm and we hope you can join us. There will also be an Emotional Coaching workshop, which is open to all parents, before this at 1:15pm. More details of this workshop will follow.

The children continue to work in their leadership roles throughout school as PE Leads, School Councillors, Eco Councillors, RE Leads and Head Boy and Head Girl. We are proud of the impact they continue to have on our schools to make them even better places to learn and play.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Beauty and the Beast performance at HBHS

We had another brilliant performance for our Key Stage 2 pupils at Haydon Bridge High School at the end of last term. It was fantastic to see our oldest children perform with such confidence and expression on a stage, with lighting, microphones and props.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Haydon Bridge High for welcoming us again and to the staff for their time, effort and patience in pulling off such a wonderful opportunity and show. We issued more than 250 tickets for the audience, thank you to our community for continuing to support events like these.



What a fabulous start to the term in Tyne Class. The children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn! Last week we enjoyed reading the story 'Whatever Next', the children enjoyed the sensory experience of playing in a black-out tent. We thought about what Baby Bear needed for his trip to Space and talked about what we might like to take on a trip to Space! In maths, we focused on routines and thought about the difference between night and day. We worked as a group and shared our own daily routines. In Forest School, we had fun making beautiful art with the snow, we enjoyed sprinkling the snow onto different surfaces, including our frozen pond! We also made bird feeders as we began our learning about the National Birdwatch.

Thames class have been writing a recount based on The Great Explorer. They have used their knowledge of writing in the first person and past tense. In Maths they have been adding across a 10. In Geography they have looked at why we use a compass and have identified keys on a map. In Science they have classified animals into groups depending on their features. I am sure they will be to explain the characteristics of mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians.

We have had an amazing time in Rhine Class since our last newsletter. In PSHE, the children have played hot potato and created a graffiti wall to identify emotions and we have thought about how we express our emotions. In Geography, we have been finding out about how mountains are formed, and we are using this knowledge in English to write an explanation text. In P.E., we have started our module on dance and the children choreographed their own dance of the layers of the ocean. In maths, we have started to learn how to multiply a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number. In R.E., we have started to learn about Guru Nanak and in science, we are learning about light sources and how darkness is the absence of light. It would be great if you could speak about reflective surfaces and sources of light with your child when out and about.

During Spring One, Nile Class will be focusing on electrical circuits and coding. The children have completed their first electrical circuit and they understand that light is used on digital devices so we can code. They have then had a brief recap on coding and how the Rainforest Coding program works. Could the children imagine writing a code (a set of instructions) to explain how to make a cup of tea.



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 - Billy, Finley

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Harry

Environmental Award - Fox

Kindness Award - Freya

Inclusion Award - Lincoln

Friendship Award - Charlie



Attendance:

Tyne - 98.1%

Thames - 97.9%

Rhine - 98.2%

Nile - 96.1%

Whole School - 97.65%

All parents should have received a letter from the 10 Head Teachers of the West Tyne Valley. This outlined our combined response to the DfE guidance on holidays during term time. This consistent approach to attendance agrees that if a family removes their child/children from school for 5 days or longer for a family holiday, a penalty notice will be sought. Thank you for working with us to ensure good education through good attendance for your child and taking holidays during the 13 weeks of school holiday a year.

Henshaw in the News...Again!

We were thrilled to read in the Northumberland Gazette that we were placed 12th out of the 161 primary schools across the Northumberland area. The government's preliminary performance figures and from this data, the newspaper has been able to compare how the 161 state primary schools and create a league table of its top performers. The article can be found here. Go Team Henshaw!

<https://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/education/northumberland-15-top-state-primary-schools-latest-official-performance-data-4931390?page=3>

Road Safety

At Henshaw Primary School, we allow children in Year 5 and 6 to walk to and from school alone, as well as having facilities for children to ride their bikes to school and store them onsite. If your child does any of these, please discuss road safety with them; we have had several members of the public who have shown concern over children not using the road correctly. We will reiterate this important message to children in assemblies next week.

HENSHAW NURSERY ARE IN TESCO!

Henshaw Nursery would love your help and support with your blue tokens in Tesco! From today until the end of March, you can deposit your blue tokens to help them enhance and upgrade their outdoor area!

Baby News

We extend our warmest congratulations to Mrs and Mr Alberts, who are expecting a baby in the summer term.

From when Mrs Alberts starts her maternity leave, until the end of this academic year, Mrs J has agreed to become full time. This will ensure consistency for our Reception children. We will recruit for a temporary teacher to work with us from September, until Mrs Alberts returns.

Dates for the diary

Friday 24th January - Year 5.6 relationships workshop

Wednesday 29th January- Emotional Coaching Workshop for parents, 1:15pm - 2:15pm
Workshop Wednesday 2:15pm, all family members welcome

Thursday 30th January - Cross County Event for Year 5.6

Tuesday 4th February - Green workshop for Year 3.4

Friday 21st February - Last day of half term

Half Term - Monday 24th February to Friday 28th February

Monday 3rd March - School reopens

Thursday 27th March - Reception visit to Hexham; One Cheeky Octopus, details to follow

A final thought...

Even after the coldest winter, spring is always on the horizon Anon