



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

What a great start we have had to the year! The children have settled in to their new year groups and have had some wonderful learning experiences to engage them in their learning. It was our pleasure to welcome so many parents into our school for the Workshop Wednesday, where you could share in maths games with your children. We hope you also enjoyed our Harvest Festival and the lovely singing from the children; it is a bit daunting to stand up and sing or speak in front of others and we are proud of each and every one of them!

Please can I remind parents and carers of our class emails which can be used to contact class teachers in the first instance if there are any messages or concerns. Please feel free to ring the office, who can make an appointment for you to speak to the class teacher if needed. Thank you for continuing to ring or email the school office promptly if your child is absent from school. If your child has a medical appointment, as per County guidelines, please can you pop the appointment letter into school so we can add it to our records.

We hope you have a lovely half term break. Please remember parent consultations are being held the first week back and then we will be racing towards Christmas; it'll soon be here!

Parent Consultations

Parents' evening will be the first week back after half term and you should have received a reply slip from school informing you of the day and time of your appointment. If you have not received a reply slip, please feel free to email your class teacher via the class email address to arrange this. Parent consultations are a really important way for you to liaise with class teachers to find out how your child is progressing in school and to raise any questions you may have. I hope you find these useful and you will have the opportunity to have a look through the wonderful work your child has produced in their first half term. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Class News

Tyne Class

Tyne class have been reading the story of The Enormous Turnip and did a fantastic job of making story maps and of retelling the story orally using story language. Maybe you could retell the story to a family member? We created cone puppets of the characters and also practised our counting using character pictures. We have also loved exploring our new outside equipment including our cosy den, water trays with pump and large blackboard.

Thames Class

Thames class have enjoyed sharing their music homework. Thank you for supporting your child with this, they all have excellent taste in music!

In maths we have been practising addition and subtraction. Year 2 have been adding and subtracting across 10 and Year 1 have been looking at number sentences and using the part whole model. In English we have been reading Room on the Broom and writing our own letter to the witch, remembering to use the correct punctuation. We have enjoyed investigating recipes in Design and Technology and have made soup, which the whole school enjoyed tasting.

In Science we have continued to find out about what plants need to survive. We even designed our own carnivorous plant. I am sure the children will enjoy explaining how their plant survives.

Rhine Class

In Rhine Class this week, the children have been working on editing and refining their written work, whilst creating their own stories about the Stone Age. They have been trying to include all of the grammar, punctuation and spelling learning that they have acquired over the half-term in producing this cold write. In Maths, the children have continued to work on addition and subtraction up to 4-digit numbers with exchange. Year 4 have also been carrying work out on area. In history, the children have learnt more about the Beaker Pot people and written down some interesting facts. They also took part in our annual Harvest Festival celebrations at our local church. In P.E., they have completed the final lesson on netball and finished with a netball match. We have had a super half-term and are looking forward to the next. Thank you for all your help and support.

Nile Class

The children in Nile class have been working hard for the past two weeks to write narrative poems. This week they are writing a poem based around the story of Noah's Ark. They have written their poems in versus. They have tried to include alliteration, rhyming words and onomatopoeia. They have also tried to write their poems using stanza.
Can the children find any narrative poems written by our poet for the year, 'Lewis Carroll'?



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 - Aria, Isla, Billy, Parker, Grace S

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Alissia, Harry, Arty

Etiquette Award - Charlie, Arty, Jamie

Environmental Award - Alice, Evie, Emily T

Kindness Award - Ellie, Emily T, Eva W

Inclusion Award - Barry, Eva W

Friendship Award - Lincoln, Lewis S

Role model Award - Elizabeth, Lacey, Ellie, Grace M



Attendance: Every day is important to give children their full entitlement to an exciting learning journey

Tyne - 98.7%

Thames - 93.3%

Rhine - 87.8%

Nile - 90.0%

Whole School - 92.0%

Our target for attendance is 95%

Online safety

Keeping children safe from the dangers of the online world can be tricky. At school, we have used our first half term to guide children to make sensible choices around their online and gaming experiences. Tik Tok, Facebook and computer games all come with appropriate age directions to guide parents and pupils to ensure it is suitable for them to view. Please work with the school and let us know if you have any concerns or queries about online safety and social networks.

Welcome Mrs Mitchell

Mrs Mitchell will be joining Henshaw on a Friday as class teacher for Tyne class after half term. She will work closely with Mrs Hulbert to provide a great early years experience for our youngest children. Mrs Mitchell is very experienced in outdoor learning & Forest Schools and we can't wait to see what she has got planned for our outdoor areas at Henshaw. Miss Thompson will be moving to Greenhead as full time teacher of the Early Years Unit there.

Christmas Dinner, Nativity and Performances

We are thrilled to announce that Year 3-6 will once again be performing their Christmas show at Haydon Bridge High School this year after the wonderful success of last year. I can now confirm the date for this will be

Friday 15th December and the performances will be at 2pm and 4:30pm.

Reception and Year 1.2 will be doing their Christmas performance on the **6th December at 2pm.**

Our Christingle service at Henshaw Church will be on **Wednesday 20th December at 2pm**, with adults welcome to attend.

Christmas Dinner will be on **Thursday 21st December.**

Taxi parking rank

I am continuing to liaise with Councillor Alan Sharp and the County Council about parking at our school. Please can we remind parents to not park in the yellow spaces allocated for buses for children at the start and the end of the day. This is to ensure safety for the numerous children who come to school via taxis. We really do appreciate your co-operation with this.

Dates for the diary

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

Week commencing 6th November - Parent consultation week

Friday 10th November - Remembrance Day Celebration at Holy Cross Church, Haltwhistle 10:30am for a 10:40am start. All welcome; please see attached flier

Monday 20th November - Bedtime stories event at school for Reception to Year 6, 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 22nd November - Author visit for Nile Class - Andy Ruffell

Friday 24th November - Kids Action Through Science Workshops begin with Rhine Class

Thursday 30th November - Green Day

Monday 4th December - Bikeability training; more information to follow soon

A final thought...

Rest when you are weary. Refresh and renew yourself, your mind, your body, your spirit. Then get back to work!

Ralph Marston