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Acting Head Teacher Message

Another fabulous fortnight has passed in a flash and children continue to impress us with their amazing attitudes to learning, high quality work and kindness and compassion towards each other.

This week has been particularly special, as part of our Action Aid 'Big Me' focus they met a forester called Billie-Jo who is responsible for growing and transporting a special Christmas tree to the Houses of Parliament in London! A very important job!

Children also thoroughly enjoyed dressing up on Thursday as the profession that they aspire to be in the future. We had opticians, chefs, authors, palaeontologists, software designers, and even marine biologists kitted out with flippers and a snorkel!

We are so lucky to have aspirational children who know that if they work hard, they can achieve their goals.

Despite the fun, our children also appreciate that not all children are lucky enough to go to school and our fundraising will help send some children to school who are less fortunate.

A quick reminder that next Friday is teacher training day and school will be closed to pupils.

On behalf of the staff and children may we thank you for all for being so supportive of school, we really couldn't do it without you!

Have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 5th November.

Mrs Clarke

School News

Hexham Courant – New starter's photo

Reception class smiled sweetly this week for their class photo, the photo is due to be published in next Thursday's edition of the Hexham Courant.

Attendance

Attendance has dropped a little due to illness; overall attendance figures are 97.67% since the beginning of term. We understand that it is the time of year for colds etc. and we would ask that children do not come into school if they are unwell.

However we also understand that some children can feel a little tired first thing in a morning and may complain of being unwell. Sometimes it is a difficult decision and if you are unsure please contact the school office for advice. If we felt that a child was not well enough to be in school we would always contact home.

Payments

Please could any cash payments for school be sent in the correct amount? The office does not keep any change, as all money is banked regularly. We thank you for your help with this. Dinner money needs to be paid weekly in advance on a Monday or at the beginning of each half term. Dinners cost £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week or £83.60 for this half term. Swimming and Multisport contribution is £5 per week or £40 this half term.

PTA

The PTA has planned lots of exciting events that have been added to the diary dates (in red) and the calendar on the school website. A PTA newsletter will be sent out via Parentmail with further information on each of the events.

School Admissions

The Online admissions portal opened on the 12th September for applications to Middle School, details on how to apply online have been sent to year 4 children via Parent mail. The portal will remain open until the **31st October**. Please contact the Admissions team on 01670 624 889 if you have any questions.

Missing jumper

Rufus in class 1 is missing his navy blue school jumper. It has been missing since the beginning of term. It does have his name in so we'd ask you to check navy blue jumpers to make sure it hasn't gone home with you by mistake. Thank you.

Goodbye and good luck!

We are saying farewell to Ava and Ella Hedley-Eke who will be moving to Cockermouth during the half term holiday. We wish you all the very best in your new school and home. Do keep in touch!

Half term fun

Energize Dance are holding 'The Greatest Show' Halloween workshop at Humshaugh First school on Tuesday 30th October from 9am-3pm. Details on how to book have been sent out via Parentmail.

Class news

Reception - Mrs Manning

Reception pupils have been learning about the 2d shapes - circle, square, triangle and oblong. We are looking at the features of each shape, such as how many sides and corners and we have been making our own using geostrips.

We found it was impossible to make a circle with geostrips, as it needs a curved side! The children have been enjoying making models using junk materials. They have been very creative and built all sorts of things!

We have also looked at a variety of different jobs, thinking about what we want to be when we grow up. We did some amazing paintings to show our ideas.



Class 1 - Mrs Barber

Class 1 pupils have been learning all about subtraction. The children have enjoyed using practical objects and arrays to solve different subtraction problems. We have been chasing the sun in science this week. The children made their own opaque objects to investigate how shadows are made.

We have also been creating our own weather forecasts this week in geography, the children had to work as part of a team for this task.

In English, we have been thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up. The children decided to work in pairs to interview each other about what they would like to be and explained their reasons why. We then recorded these interviews on an I-Pad.

We attempted to show these videos during our 'Big Me' assembly, but unfortunately due to a sound issue we were unable to. Mrs Barber would like to invite parents into Class 1 at the end of the school day on Wednesday 24th October to watch their interviews.



Class 2 - Mrs Hinchcliffe

The children have enjoyed thinking about what they want to be when they grow up this week as part of Big Me activities and thought carefully about what they will need to do to achieve their goals.

They have also considered the serious message of Big Me. Writing letters to a little girl in Liberia who with the help of Action Aid has been able to receive an education.

All change next week as we will write poems in the style of Macbeth's Witches. Year 4 have taken over the running of the tuck shop and don't forget our cake stall on Tuesday.



Date	Event	Time	Notes
Tuesday 23 rd October	PTA Cake stall Class 2	3.15 pm	School yard
Wednesday 24 th October	Reception Great North Museum (Hancock) trip	All day	More details to follow
Thursday 25 th October	Tag Rugby festival Corbridge - Year 4	9.30.am-11.30 am	More details to follow
Thursday 25 th October	Play safe assembly	2.45.pm	Pupils and staff
Friday 26 th October	Teacher training day	All day	School closed to pupils
29 th October – 2 nd November	Autumn Half term holiday		
Wednesday 31 st October	NCC Middle School application deadline		
Monday 5 th November	Schools reopens to pupils		
Thursday 8 th November	PTA Disco	3.15 – 5 pm	More details to follow
Tuesday 13 th November	Nasal Flu vaccinations	9.30.am	Thank you for returning the permission slips
Thursday 15 th November	Open the Book Assembly	2.45 pm	Pupils and staff only
Friday 16 th November	Class 1 Forest School		More details to follow
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need	All day	Non uniform/Spotty theme
Thursday 22 nd November	Great North Air Ambulance Assembly	2.45 pm	Pupils and staff only
Tuesday 27 th November	PTA Cake stall – Class 1	3.15 pm	School yard
Friday 30 th November	Class 2 Forest School		More details to follow
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Carols at the Pant then refreshments in the Village Hall.	7pm	All children and families welcome
Thursday 6 th December	Open the Book Assembly	2.45 pm	Pupils and staff only
Thursday 6 th December	PTA Christmas fun night- movie and crafts.	3.15 – 5 pm	More details to follow
Thursday 13 th December	School Christmas lunch	12.00	More details to follow
Friday 14 th December	Queen's Hall visit - Robin Hood Reception, Class 1 & 2.	1 pm – 3 pm	Estimated return time 3.30 pm
Monday 17 th December	Dress rehearsal at the Village Hall	1pm	Pupils and staff only
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas performances at the Village Hall	2 pm and 6 pm	Children to be dropped off at the village hall at 5.30 pm.
Thursday 20 th December	Class Christmas parties	1 pm	Bring party clothes in a named bag to change into
Friday 21 st December	Christmas jumper day, Christingles and	2 pm	Christmas jumpers /tops/

	Carols around the Tree		hats optional
24 th December – 4 th January 2019	Christmas holiday		
Monday 7 th January	Spring term begins		School reopens to pupils
Friday 11 th January	Class 2 Forest School		More details to follow
Tuesday 29 th January	PTA cake stall - Reception	3.15 pm	School yard
15 th February	Teacher Training Day	All day	School closed to pupils
18 th – 22 nd February	Spring half term holiday		
Monday 25 th February	School reopens to pupils		
Tuesday 5 th March	Class 2 trip to Housesteads - Roman re-enactment	All day	More details to follow
Friday 8 th March	Class 1 Forest School		More details to follow
8 th April – 19 th April	Easter holiday		
Monday 22 nd April	Bank holiday Monday		School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 rd April	School reopens to pupils		

