



## ***Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter***

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### **Welcome back!**

A warm welcome back to all of our pupils, parents and families, particularly to those who have joined Reception this year and to those who are new to the school in other year groups. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school this week and to witness so many smiles from both pupils, staff and parents!

The children have settled well in to their new classes and are enjoying being back at school and seeing their friends.

### **Curriculum**

As a school we aim to deliver a curriculum that builds on prior learning, deepens knowledge and enhances skills that foster lifelong learning and achievement. We provide children with an engaging, exciting and empowering curriculum that equips them for today and tomorrow.

At Henshaw Primary School the curriculum is designed to allow children to develop interpersonal skills, build resilience and become creative and critical thinkers. Our curriculum is implemented through a series of lessons which build on concepts, skills and knowledge. Each topic starts with a session to engage learners and build an interest right from the onset. The implementation is adapted to specific learning needs in order to provide support and challenge, ensuring an inclusive curriculum meets the needs of all our pupils.

#### **Our topics for the Autumn Term will be:**

**Reception: Me and my community/ Once upon a time**

**Years 1 and 2: Childhood**

**Years 3 and 4: Through the ages**

**Years 5 and 6: Dynamic Dynasties**

### **PE information**

Children should come into school wearing their PE kits on the days they have PE and swimming. Please see below for the days your child has PE starting the week beginning Monday 13th September.

**Please note, only children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be swimming this term until Christmas.**

Reception: Monday and Friday

Years 1 and 2: Monday and Friday

Years 3 and 4: Monday and Tuesday (swimming)

Years 5 and 6: Monday and Tuesday (swimming)

### **NUFC After School Club – Multi-skills KS2**

NUFC will be running a Multi-Skills After School Club for our Key Stage 2 children this half term.

The club will run between 3.15 - 4.15 pm every Monday, from 13.9.21 – 18.10.21.

**The numbers are restricted to 20 and are on a 'first come first served' basis.**

**You will be notified via email if your child has been allocated a place.**

Thank you



## Stars of the Week



**Class 1** - In Reception we are ALL stars this week. What a fantastic first week at school we've had. I'm SO proud of everyone. Well done!

**Class 2** – All of our Class 2 children for settling back into school so well this week

**Class 3** – The whole class for settling in so quickly, working so hard and being so supportive of each other.

**Class 4** – Class 4 are all stars of the week for having such positive attitudes to their new class.

**Head Teacher's Award** – Our new Reception children who have settled into school really well and have come in with such enthusiasm- well done!

### Learning Achievements

**Class 1** - We've had a busy week getting used to being in Reception. We have been learning about all our new routines and have enjoyed exploring all the activities in our new classroom and outdoor area. We've been singing 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and have been using our fingers to show the numbers. We've read Elmer and have talked about how we are all unique and what makes us special. Some of us have made 3D Elmers from milk cartons and tissue paper. We've all painted a self-portrait for our display, thinking carefully about the details.

**Class 2** – We have enjoyed our first week back with our friends and have started to research our new topic 'Childhood'. In RE we looked at the Creation story and were creators. In Maths we have been recapping place value.

**Class 3** - This week, in Class 3, we have been introduced to our new theme: Through the Ages. It all started on Monday morning when myself and Mrs Hall were dressed as stone age women to welcome the children - although one of the children thought I was a 'woolly mammoth'! We have completed a timeline, learnt a song entitled 'We are living in the stone age', had a go at cave drawings using soot and chalk - we decided against using bat droppings due to hygiene risks! We tried to start a fire with dry leaves, grass and sticks - it didn't work and that was using matches not flint. In Art, we have explored watercolours and looked at how they can be translucent. In music, we have started to think about 'what sound is' and have watched a choreographed piece entitled 'connect it', which is using purely body sounds. In Science, we have sorted food into the food groups. We also carried out a quiz using stations to find information about the stone age. In Maths, Year 4 have been using Roman numerals and solving addition and subtraction involving these. Year 3 have been thinking about place value and counting in steps of 10, 50 and 100 and looking at the patterns within these. All in all, a very busy first week and we were impressed with how all of the children have risen to the challenge.

**Class 4** – This week in Class 4 we have been getting to know each other and learning about our new topic Dymanic Dynasties. In Maths we have been working on place value.

### Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 13.9.21 (Please note: this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Casserole & Dumplings with Mash OR Baguette with Filling	Salmon & Dill Fishcake, Salad Potatoes OR Pasta & Chicken with Salad	Mince Pie with Mash  OR Baguette with Filling	Bolognaise Wrap, Potato Croquettes OR Jacket Potato with Filling	Cheese Burger in a Bun, Potato Crispers OR Pasta
Beetroot/Mixed Veg	Carrot Sticks	Peas & Baby Carrots	Corn on the Cob	Cucumber Sticks
Carrot Cake	Oaty Biscuit & Fruit Juice	Strawberry & Meringue Cheesecake	Pineapple Upside Down Pudding & Custard	Raspberry & White Chocolate Brownie & Milkshake
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt



## Henshaw Nursery Breakfast & After School Club

Just a reminder that Henshaw Nursery runs a daily Breakfast Club and After School Club, which is open to both Nursery and School children. Please see details below:-

### **Breakfast Club**

Open every morning from 7.30am £5.90, 8am start £4.50 or 8.30 start £2.20 (breakfast is included during the 7.30am & 8.00am sessions)

### **After School Club**

Open Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday until 5.30pm.

Costs include tea and are ...£4.60 - 4.30pm pick up; £8.00 - 5.30pm pick up.

Please contact Mrs Arlene Bowes, Nursery Manager, if you would like to book a place on 07802435850 or email [henshawnursery@gmail.com](mailto:henshawnursery@gmail.com).



### **Facebook**

As well as our weekly newsletter and school website, we also have a closed parent/ staff Facebook page as another means of communication.

Please search for Henshaw CE Primary School and ask to be added as a member.

### **Free School Meals/Pupil Premium**

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

#### What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Financial support towards trips, clubs and music tuition
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

#### Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

### Universal Infant Free School Meals

Currently, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). **You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium.**

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding to help your child in school.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

If you need support with your application or access to a computer, please don't hesitate to ask.

[https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=FREE\\_SCHOOL\\_MEALS](https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=FREE_SCHOOL_MEALS)



### Swimming Lessons – KS2 – Autumn Term 2021

Just a reminder that our Key Stage 2 children will be having swimming lessons every Tuesday morning at the Wentworth Swimming Pool, during the Autumn Term.

**Please could you ensure your child has their swimming kit with them on this day.**

If you have not returned your permission slip and payment, please can you do so by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you

### Attendance W/C 7.9.21

Reception	100
Year 1	100
Year 2	100
Year 3	88.6
Year 4	96.4
Year 5	100
Year 6	87.5
<b>Overall</b>	<b>95.3%</b>

### Reminder

Please could the children bring their white School Communication Book and reading book with them to school every day.

Thank you



### Friends of Henshaw Fundraiser – Savings Smartie Pants!

At the end of the summer term, the children received a tube of smarties from the Friends of Henshaw. The aim was for the children to enjoy the sweets and to fill the empty tube with 20p coins, returning them to school in September, or before.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Smartie tubes to school. Please could any outstanding tubes be sent to school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you!

Yours

Mrs Sarah Hutchinson - Head Teacher