



23rd March 2018 Newsletter

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Parent Meeting-Tuesday 27th March at 7pm (school hall)

Join the Governors and I to discuss the two consultations that are taking place and what it means for Humshaugh First School. To help us with organisation, please return the attendance slip sent out last week as soon as possible. Alternatively you can email Mrs Long.

Easter Service Wednesday 28th March –school hall-9.15am

We are holding an Easter Service at school. It starts at 9.15am for approximately 30 minutes and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a 'Decorated egg' and 'Easter bonnet' competition which will be judged prior to the Service.

Prizes will be organised for each year group and the winners will be announced at the end of the Service.

If your child would like to participate please send entries into school no later than Tuesday 27th March, clearly labelling the name and year group on the entry.

Entries can be placed in the hall on the tables provided.

Easter treat shop- Wednesday 28th March at 3.05pm

The Friends will run an Easter treat shop after school either in the playground (weather permitting) or at the kitchen hatch in the hall.

Afters school clubs

THERE ARE **NO CLUBS** NEXT WEEK.

ALL CLUBS RESUME ON THE FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER EASTER (MONDAY 16TH APRIL)

Tynedale Music Festival-Friday 16th March

Congratulations to the children in Years 1 to 4 who took part in the Tynedale Music Festival this year. We are so proud of their achievements- 1st in the Hymn Singing Category and Joint 3rd in the Choral Category. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported us, we really appreciate it. Green Monkey Photos took a photograph of the choir rehearsing which will be available to buy. You can order your copy at the Easter Service on Wednesday 28th March at 9.15am. If you are unable to attend, you can place your order with Mrs Long or Mrs Rowcroft in the office. The cost is TBC. I think we have a mention in the Hexham Courant this week too.

Walltown and The Sill trip-Monday 19th March

The children and staff had a super (but chilly) time. They collected leaves and twigs at Walltown and had a go at nature printing at The Sill. There will be a follow up session with the artist after Easter here at school. Photographs of the trip are on our website.

Palm Sunday Service-Wednesday 21st March -St Peter's Church-9.15am

We had a lovely Palm Sunday Service at St. Peter's. Revd. Steve, Mrs Wilkinson, Ian and Dr McCollum helped the children understand the significance of Palm Sunday through hot seating and interviewing. They also paraded around the church waving the Palm leaves that they had made in Messy Church. Thank you to all parents who attended to support the children. After the service, the children delivered a small Easter gift to some of the older members of the community. As always we were met with smiling faces and appreciation. Photographs are on our website.

Create and Sing Carmen-Thursday 22nd March

The children in Years 3 and 4 had their first Create and Sing session with Jack who works for Music Partnership North. They learnt about opera and created their own mini-operas and learnt the Toreador bull fighter song with actions. They had a fabulous time. We look forward to our next session after Easter. Photographs are on our website.

Swimming –water safety-Thursday 22nd March

Well done to everyone for taking part in the Wentworth's annual Water Safety session. The children had to complete tasks dressed in t-shirt and shorts and without goggles. They were very brave and showed great determination to achieve the tasks with success. **WE WILL BE SWIMMING AGAIN AFTER THE MAY HALF TERM FOR THE 2ND HALF OF THE SUMMER TERM.**

Sport Relief-Friday 23rd March

The children looked brilliant in their varied costumes/outfits today. They battled through the wind and rain to complete their sponsored run around the field. Many thanks to all who took part and to everyone who made very generous donations to such a worthy cause. We will let you know how much money we raised next week. Photographs are on our website.

West Northumberland Schools Consultation-CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING RESPONSES

PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THE FULL CONSULTATION DOCUMENT AND RESPOND BY THE DEADLINE

Although we are not currently one of the schools earmarked for closure or merger, we must not be complacent during this unsettling time.

We are doing our best to support all rural schools in the area and hope that you will also show your support by responding to the consultation.

If the decision is made to convert to a two-tier system then we will embrace the opportunity to become a Primary School and we are currently making plans to ensure that a conversion would be smooth, positive and successful.

Please come and talk to me or other members of staff if you have concerns regarding the future and we will do our best to answer your questions.

HLT Consultation

The Hadrian Learning Trust (HMS and QEH) have published their consultation document to become a Secondary School (lowering the age range of QEH to Year 7). This will have a significant impact on all the First and Middle Schools in the area. As with the West Northumberland Schools Consultation, I urge you to read the full document and respond by the deadline.

School Lunches

The following amount is now due: **-25 lunches x £2.30 = £57.50**

The cost has been calculated minus the Monday 19th March school trip to The Sill when all children will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

Please send money to Mrs Rowcroft in a clearly labelled envelope.

Swimming money

The cost of each session is £3 therefore the total cost for the half term 5 sessions is £15.00

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Emergency contacts

If you change address, phone numbers or email addresses, please ensure you inform Mrs Rowcroft so files can be updated.

Slippers

Slippers will be sent home next week. Children are welcome to bring them back in later on in the year when the weather starts getting colder in the Autumn term.

Attendance

Please ensure your child is in school every day unless unwell. Parents must contact the school office or leave a message on the answer machine giving a reason for absence.

Also, a reminder to all parents that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time as directed by central government.

Late book-we have had **3 entries** in the late book this week. Please arrive promptly.

School Uniform update

Following an enquiry from a parent, I am more than happy if you would like to order 'hoodie' style Humshaugh sweatshirts rather than the usual crew neck, then please do.

Other dates for your diary.

Wednesday 28th March: Easter service-in school 9.15am –everyone welcome

Thursday 29th March: Break up for Easter holidays

Friday 30th March: Good Friday (Bank Holiday-school closed)

Monday 16th April: Summer 1st term starts

Monday 16th April: Outdoor Adventure club starts

Tuesday 17th April: Messy Church club starts

Thursday 19th April: Zumba starts

Wednesday 25th April: Whole school trip to Broomley Grange Outdoor Adventure Centre (Letter will be sent out next week)

Monday 7th May: Bank Holiday-School closed

Friday 25th May: Break up for half term

