



Weekly Newsletter



Autumn term – Issue 02 – Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is a lovely purposeful feel around school, and it's been wonderful to see everyone working and learning. Class teachers have written a little bit about what's going on in school this term so that you know what's happening. We are looking at our reading curriculum across the school and will be sharing information about books we are reading in classes so that if you wished to borrow the book from the library, or buy a book, it might give you some suggestions.

Before the holidays, we hoped that we would be able to invite parents back into school for some events i.e. Friday Celebration Assembly. However, as I indicated in recent communications, we were taking additional advice. We have been advised to risk assess the potential of opening up our Friday assemblies. Having undertaken this, we are not currently in a position to do this at the moment due to the capacity in the hall. This also stands for the Open Afternoon that we were hoping to have where we invited parents in.

We will look again in October and review the situation as to whether the transmission rate is more stable and look to doing it in a smaller more controlled way. As a headteacher I have the responsibility for keeping everyone as safe as possible in our school community and I do not want an event at Hawes school to be the reason that the local transmission rate went up. I know that you will understand my concerns about this.

This being said, we are not completely keeping you out of school. If you would like to chat to your child's class teacher, please don't hesitate to catch them and ask to have a chat or arrange a meeting. Class teachers see their classes out at the end of the school day and would be more than welcome to chat/make an appointment if you have any questions, worries or concerns.

I will keep you updated as to any changes.

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Vasey

Star Learners for this week

Class 1 – **Noah** for his real enthusiasm for learning and settling in well to the more focused learning activities in Reception. **Zara** for a positive attitude to school and working well on playing with others and sharing her ideas on learning.

Class 2 – **Evelyn** for writing a fantastic piece of descriptive writing, well done! And **Lucy** for working independently in history and working hard in all of our lessons, keep it up Lucy! 😊

Class 3 – **Joe** and **Adam** for excellent effort in historical fact finding about the Anglo-Saxons.

Weekly Attendance

Current whole school attendance: 97.64%

Well done, everyone!



We are asking parents to try and make appointments for dentist, doctors etc. out of school times wherever possible.

We recognise that due to our rurality attending medical appointments can be difficult often requiring children to have to miss a large majority of the day if not all of it. Therefore, we ask that parents and carers show us proof of appointments i.e. appointment letter so that we can take a copy for the file.

Request for holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. As a school we promote good attendance which is seen to be attendance of +95%. I am following DFE guidance and County Council Policy which says that holidays due to farming or tourist industry business commitments are not exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your support with this matter. Miss Vasey

Information for Class 3

Swimming– Reminder

There are still a number of parents yet to contribute towards the cost of the swimming. We are asking for £40.00 per pupil – please pay via Parentpay a.s.a.p. If you have any financial difficulties, please see Miss Vasey or Mrs Alderson.

Residential

Wednesday 13th October – Friday 15th October

Yesterday, all children who are going on the residential were given an information sheet and a packing list. We looked through the powerpoint and gave the children an opportunity to ask any questions. They were reminded that they were not allowed to

bring any electronic devices, phones, cameras or aerosol deodorants (they can set off the fire alarms). Staff will have cameras/ipads so photos can be taken. The powerpoint and information sheet/packing list will be on the website on the parents' page for parents access.

Children will need a packed lunch on wednesday 13th October so that they can eat some before they leave and another bit when we arrive.

You will need to provide them with a case/bag that they can carry as they will be expected to carry it from the bus. (Tips: 1. Write a list of what is in the case so that they can use it to pack their case on their return. 2. Provide them with a bin bag to put any wet/ muddy clothing in so that it can go straight into the wash when they get home.)

Class 1 Information

EYFS

In EYFS (Nursery and Reception), we base our weekly learning around a focus book which the children will hear in school each day that week. I am sure they will also be sharing these at home with you! Here is a list of the books we will be working on each week up until half term. Maybe this will help with stories at home for the children and for talking about their learning in school each week.

13th September –The Gingerbread Man

20th September –The Three little Pigs

27th September-The Three Billy Goats Gruff

4th October-The Elves and the Shoemaker

11th October-Jack and the Beanstalk

18th October- Hansel and Gretel

Class 1

We have all settled in well to our new class and are working well together and enjoying getting to know the new members of our class. Here are some photographs of the learning we have already started with.





I have sent a sheet home with all the children in class 1 with some added information on routines and other things that happen within class each week.

We are currently in the process of purchasing a new scheme to support our phonics and early reading within class and we will then be able to match reading books for the children with this scheme. In the meantime, the Year 1/2 children will have some of our previous books to read at home.

The new Nursery children have settled so well that we have already started them in PE on Fridays with Mr B. If they could please wear trainers and leggings or joggers each Friday for this, it would be helpful.

Outdoor Area Nursery

Miss Burton is working with the children on developing the grass area outside our EYFS classroom. All the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will work in this area on a Friday afternoon. We would like to thank Noah and Mark Hugill for kindly donating four tyres to start this process. We would be grateful for any donations to help us develop this area and the outdoor learning experience for all our children. Please contact Miss Burton if you have any resources, you think might be useful. We would like natural objects to support us with this: pebbles, interesting pieces of wood, pine cones, feathers etc. If anyone has any of these items, we would be very grateful. We will up-date you with our development through the newsletter

Class 2

In Class two we are learning all about Stone Age Britain for our History topic this term. We have already learnt about a timeline of the era and the three different time periods. We have enjoyed learning about the different Stone Age homes and have discussed which one we would rather live in. In English we are learning how to write a piece of descriptive writing, learning all about how to use expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases and different sentence types. In Maths we are learning all about place value and the value of each digit in a two, three, four and even five-digit number! Our class books this term are 'The Accidental Prime Minister' by Tom Mcloughlin, 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd and 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine. These have all come from the suggested list of books for year 3 and 4 children. You can find more of them here

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/reading-list-for-year-3-pupils-ks2-age-7-8/>



Class 2 working hard on building our knowledge of descriptive writing.

Class 3

In Class 3 this half term, our history focus is about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. In English we will be looking at descriptive writing, information texts and poetry. In Maths we will be investigating Place Value and Number. Our class books are 'The Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman and 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. We have already started our weekly swimming sessions and we are looking forward to our residential trip in October.

Class 3 offers the children the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. The expectation is that they are excellent role models in the school community. The first two weeks have more than demonstrated their willingness to take on this responsibility and we have been delighted by their application and effort. The children will now be preparing for election to leadership roles and positions of responsibility within the school, should they wish to do so.

Deadlines and Reminders

P.E Days

Remember – All long hair needs to be tied up and no jewellery- earrings should be taken out or covered with tape.

Children are asked to come in their PE kit- This is a white t-shirt and black shorts/jogging bottoms and pumps/trainers.

Class 1 – Mondays and Fridays

Class 2 – Wednesdays and Fridays – only Year 3's on Wednesday as Y4's are swimming (wear uniform)

Class 3 – Swimming on Wednesday (wear uniform) and Fridays

Labelling of School Uniform

Please ensure that your child's school jumper or cardigan is clearly labelled. We have so many children who lose clothing that isn't named; this makes it very difficult for staff to track down the owners.

Some of the above uniform can be obtained from the school shop website e.g. sweatshirts, polo shirts and baseball caps. - **School Uniform – Website – www.school-shop.co.uk**

Clubs

After School Sports Clubs for Autumn Term

Friday – Multi-Skills for all children

3.15pm – 4.30pm starting **Friday 17th September 2021**

Children will already be in their PE kits however, if they wish to bring additional layers/football boots they can – in a small bag.

If your child signs up to a club, we expect them to attend every week unless they are ill, or something crops up unexpectedly. If they are unable to attend the club, it is parents'/carers' responsibility to let the office know, not the child's. Thank you for your support with this.

School Office Update

Up-to-date Pupil Contact and Medical Information

Please ensure you inform Dawn in the office of any change of contact or medical information, via Scholarpack ParentApp preferably. It is very important school are kept up to date so we can safeguard your child. The easiest way to check the details we hold for your child is to download the Parents App - search 'ScholarPack Parents' App on Apple and Google app stores, then download. Once you have installed the app and opened it on your phone, click 'let's get started'. You will be prompted to enter a link-up code and your mobile number.

ALL parents need to check the information we hold for your child, especially before the CENSUS in October. Thank you.

Taxis

If your child is not going on the taxi, for whatever reason, please could you let the taxi driver know, so they are not sat waiting to collect children. Thank you

SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure you don't have any arrears on Parentpay, all dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday for the week/term ahead (lunches are free for children in Reception Y1 and Y2 and £2.50 per day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). If your child has milk, and they are aged 5 and over, (Milk is free up to the child's 5th birthday) the money must be paid via COOLMILK on the **Tuesday before**.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Free School Meals Eligibility

Free school meals are available for children whose parents meet the criteria. Please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to check if you are eligible.

Diary of Events

Tuesday 21st September – St. Francis Xavier School Open Evening

Thursday 30th September – Kurling workshops for all classes

Wednesday 13th – 15th October – Class 3 residential trip to Dukeshouse

Tuesday 19th October – School photos – Individuals and family

Friday 22nd October – Finish for half term

Monday 1st November – Training Day

Tuesday 2nd November – Children return to school

Monday 8th November – Flu immunisation for children

Tuesday 16th November – Bags2School

Friday 17th December – Finish at 2pm for Christmas

Health and Safety Information

It's always helpful to know where to go to get information. If you want to know more about e-safety you can of course ask at school, but you could go online and have a look at the websites below, for information applicable to all ages of children and young adults. Contact: Think 'U' Know [http:// www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) Kid Smart <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

MEDICINES

Please can we remind parents that any medication needs to be handed into the office and a parental permission form needs to be completed. We are not permitted to administer any medication without this, and children must not have medication i.e. creams, tablets, Calpol etc. in their bags in case other children access them. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Website Update

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>

If your child is under 5 they will have been registered using the bulk registration process but **parents still need to register using the form/website**. They will then get an e-mail when their child turns 5 reminding to make payment for milk when their child turns 5, in line with School Food Plan legislation.

There are also links to Parentpay and Cool Milk on the home page. **Please remember not to pay for milk if you are going on holiday as they do not give refunds**. You need to pay for dinners and milk in advance.

Dinner menus are on the website or you can use the NYCC link

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-meals> Holiday dates are also on the website for parents to refer to. There is also a link for a free school meals application, **please apply if you are eligible as school gets an amount per child to assist with their learning and to help with the cost of trips**.
