



## Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health Week is next week.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

Never has it been so important that we look out for everyone's mental health, children and adults alike. Over the past year we have gone into and come out of various lockdown situations which has naturally had an impact on mental health. There has been a lot of change which can be very unsettling for everyone.

We definitely have had a 'honeymoon' period where the children were glad to be back at school after returning at the beginning of March. Then, once again, there was another change in the form of a 2 week Easter Break. It certainly feels like it's been a long time since there was any reliable consistency in the world for a long time.

This constant change has affected our pupils, primarily their social skills and emotional well-being. We are finding that some of our pupils are experiencing anxiety at mixing with others again, some have forgotten how to be part of a larger group and some have forgotten how to play with their friends in an appropriate way.

As a staff team, we take our duty of care to your children seriously. We strive to make our school a happy and stimulating environment in which your children are given the opportunity to attain maximum social and educational skills and where their emotional needs are met. Our teaching styles encourages them to take responsibility for their own learning so that they understand it and are able to take ownership of it. As a school, we encourage your children 'to be their best selves' in terms of behaviour and attitude to learning. We acknowledge that we have high expectations but they are achievable and realistic. As a staff team we are working hard to support the children and to get them to where they need to be; it's not easy.

As you will be aware, we have had an unsettling time where some playtime/lunchtime behaviour has sadly fallen well below the standard that we pride ourselves on at Hawes. Please be assured that we are working hard to put support measures in place to ensure that all playtimes are happy and safe for all.

We are trying to develop an atmosphere where the children are able to take responsibility for their actions, can accept when mistakes have been made and are willing to make change.

As a school, we are working on the children's emotional health and well-being through class circle times and assemblies, as it is clear that two lockdowns have had a significant impact on some children's ability to work co-operatively, play sensibly and show due care and regard to the feelings of others.

We have always had an 'open door' policy and despite the rules and regulations around Covid, class teachers are still contactable and approachable if you have concerns or worries. Please discuss expectations with your children so that we are working in partnership. We appreciate your support and need to work in partnership.

We are planning to have a remote parents evening via Microsoft Teams for all parents. We recognise that this is a new experience but there will be some familiar organisation processes. You will book a slot as usual via e-schools and then you will be sent a Teams meeting invite. There won't be the facility to book after the closing date on e-schools so you will need to book when it opens. Details will be sent out next week for booking appointments. You need to ensure that you have your logons for e-schools ready for this – here is the link <https://hawes-primary.eschools.co.uk> to log in. If you cannot log in please contact Dawn in the office.

Parents' Evening will be held on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** between 3:45pm and 6:20pm and **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** between 3:45pm and 6:00pm. We know that this has been a very strange couple of academic years for everyone and in many ways, you will have a pretty sound 'grip' on the capability of your children through the experiences of 'home learning'.

The focus of the parents evening will be to discuss – emotional well-being, social skills, how your child has adapted to being back in school. As a result of the lockdowns, all children will effectively 'be behind' where they should be, however teachers will be able to discuss how their pupils are working in class and what they need to focus upon to support 'catching up'.

Please do take time to have a look at the weblink that I have included at the top of the newsletter. I am sure that there is something of interest for everyone.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Vasey

## Star Learners for this week

Class 1 – **Ayden Fleming** for playing well with others and becoming more confident in sharing his ideas with others. **Violet Jones** for working well on writing her own sentences and improving them.



Class 2- **Skyler Kilgallon** for independently writing some amazing facts about Queen Victoria, well done! And **Ella Iveson** for working hard in maths to reason and solve problems with equivalent lengths! 😊

Class 3 – **Annie Alder** for excellent effort across all areas of the curriculum, especially in Maths. **Freya Hulley** for super work on area and perimeter.

## Attendance

Weekly attendance for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May: 96.77 %

## Clubs

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#### **Archery**

Archery club after school on Wednesdays from 3.30 – 4.30pm for children in Reception to Year 2 for 7 weeks until 26<sup>th</sup> May initially.



#### **Rugby**

Rugby club after school until Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May, a total of 6 sessions for children in Class 3 from 3.30 – 4.30pm



#### **Multi-skills**

Multi-skills after school club from 3.30 – 4.30pm for children in Classes 2 and 3 until the end of summer.

## Office Updates

### School Uniform

We are noticing that some children are coming into school on non-PE days wearing their trainers. We ask that children return to school uniform, including black school shoes on non- PE days. If there is a problem, please mention it to your child's class teacher.

Thank you to those parents who have named jumpers it has meant that jumper do get back to their rightful owners, eventually.

#### **School PE Kit**

A reminder that children are asked to wear a white t-shirt and shorts/jogging bottoms with the normal school sweatshirt. We are seeing hoodies and sports tops and would request that children wear their Hawes School sweatshirt. Thank you for support with this request.

### ScholarPack Parents App

Communicating with parents at a moment's notice has never been more important than now. With Scholarpack we can do this quickly and cheaper than using texts. Please see the attached guidance on how to download the App.

#### **Join the Parents App and see how you can:**

- Communicate with school in a few clicks, straight from your phone
- Have a two-way conversation with school, like you do on WhatsApp
- Reduce current SMS costs

### Arrival at school in a morning-Reminder

Please remember **not to arrive before your specified time** and to filter the children into school. We have had a few children arriving before their allotted times, which makes it more

difficult to maintain the social distancing and safety of **all our** children. Children arrive with the class timings for the youngest member of their family. Please can you also make sure you pick up the children at their allotted time.

The times of arrival are:

Class 1 8.45-8.50 am	Pick up-3.05pm
Class 2 8.50-8.55 am	Pick up-3.10pm
Class 3 8.55-9.00am	Pick up-3.15pm
Nursery 8.55-9.00 am	Pick up 12.00 noon

### **Milk Provision**

If your child would like milk each day at school, don't forget to login to Coolmilk and pay for their milk by Tuesday. **Milk is free for children under 5.**

### **Dinners**

Please pay for your child's dinners as these need to be paid for in advance. Parents should not accrue debt. **There are quite a few parents who are in debt – please clear this immediately or speak to Dawn if you are having difficulties.** Thank you

### **Up-to-date Pupil Contact and Medical Information**

Please ensure you inform Dawn in the office of any change of contact or medical information. You can use the Parent App to check the details we currently hold. It is very important school is kept up to date so we can safeguard your child.

### **Free School Meals Eligibility**

Free school meals are available for children whose parents meet the criteria. Please visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to check if you are eligible. The forms are attached to this e-mail.

### **Need to know more about e-safety?**

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 on line 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/>

## **Dates for Diary**

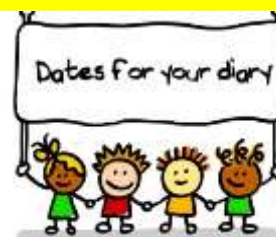
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May & Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Remote Parents Evening via Microsoft Teams  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Pro-ride Cycling Day Event for Class 3 in school

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Finish for half term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Children return to school

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Skateboard and Scooter workshop in school for all classes

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Bikeability starts



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Pro- ride Cycling competition at Michael Sydall School, Catterick  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Class photos and Y6 photos  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Freestyle Football workshop for all classes (Ash Randall is a British professional football freestyler and twenty-three time Guinness World Record breaker)  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Rugby Festival at Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club for Class 3  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – New Age Kurling workshop for all classes

## School Website Update

**School Website** - <http://www.hawes.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

You can find newsletters on the school website – (under news).

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.

Holiday dates are 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 etc.**