



Friday 3rd February 2023 (4 Pages)



It has been a challenging week following last Friday's tragic events. The children have shown great sensitivity and kindness to each other. We feel proud of our school community and how we have been able to support each other.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for achieving 100% attendance this week!

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	100%
YEAR 1	100%
YEAR 2	100%
YEAR 3	99%
YEAR 4	97%

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Esme and Annabelle; our Handwriting Heroes Jenny, Isla W, Tommy and Hollie. Congratulations also to Effie for receiving the Kindness Award, Charlie S for the Helping Hand Award and both Lilly and Jack for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Bertie and Darcey. Congratulations also to Olivia and Riley who received the PE/Sport awards. Special mention also to Elijah and Harry A who also received the Supastrikers of the week awards from Stephen who runs the Football Club. All children were given a special sticker and an award to sit on their desk for the week.



In EYFS, the Superstars are Laurie and Eilidh for 'Being Gentle'. Logan received the Kindness award and the Handwriting Heroes are Willow and Alice-well done everyone!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are incredibly lucky at Humshaugh First School to be able to offer such a wonderful range of after school clubs across four nights a week. However, some recently disappointing behaviour from a few pupils has led to us considering the viability of after school provision. May I remind parents that behaviour expectations are the same at after school clubs as in school and any children who are deemed to be behaving inappropriately may be asked to forfeit their place, especially as we have a waiting list for some of the clubs.

TRIP TO THE SILL

As part of National Storytelling week, the children in Years 1 to 4 enjoyed a trip to The Sill Visitor Centre on Thursday to see The Lost Spells exhibition and take part in a story telling session. In addition, the children had the opportunity to explore the natural landscapes area and go on an outdoor trail which led up to the rather blustery roof!

As always, the children were well behaved and very enthusiastic. Thank you to Humshaugh Art Project (HAP) for funding the trip and volunteers Jenny and Suzanne for helping out. There are more photographs on our website.



FAREWELL

With heavy hearts, we say goodbye to Samson and Solomiia today. As they have moved house, they will be starting at Stamfordham Primary School on Monday. Since arriving in September, both children have embraced school life and I know their class mates will miss them. We wish the whole family luck for the future and we are very grateful for their kind words and support.



FRIENDS LOGO WINNER

We are delighted that Erin's design has been chosen for The Friends Logo competition-well done Erin!



E-SAFETY

Every week, I will include an e-safety update or link to allow parents to be well informed of the games and apps that children might be accessing outside of school. This week the link is about Loot boxes and in-app purchases.

As always, if you have concerns about what your child is accessing online, then please let me know and I can source parental guides or advice for you.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>

Loot boxes and in-app purchases

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZPHrXhLCwofdMDfkgJfx5Y-eBGGu8pGA/view?usp=sharing>

PE KITS

The children in Years 1 to 4 are doing Gymnastics this half term. Please provide t-shirt and leggings/shorts and trainers for Sports Club. PE kits should be in school on **Monday 6th February.**



COMMUNICATION

For queries regarding Parent Pay, Nursery funding or sessions, clubs, milk, Breakfast Club and school dinner, please email our Office Manager Mrs Clark.

email: admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please either send them an email directly or ring the school office and they will aim to return your call as soon as possible.

Class 1 (Nursery/Reception) -Mrs Wilkinson

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Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)-Mrs Blythe

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Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)-Mrs Long

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7 th February:	Safer Internet Day theme ' Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online '
W/C 13 th February:	Parent meetings
Thursday 16 th February:	Last Day of Spring 1
Friday 17 th February:	Teacher Day
Monday 27 th February:	Spring 2 starts
Thursday 2 nd March:	World Book Day / Friends from the Village
Friday 17 th March:	Red Nose Day
Friday 31 st March:	Last Day of Spring 2
Monday 17 th April:	Summer 2 starts
Tuesday 25 th April:	Y3-4 trip to Killhope Lead mining Museum-more info to follow
Monday 8 th May:	Bank Holiday (in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III)