



15th September 2017 Newsletter

New starters

Our new starters have settled in amazingly. From next week they will be full time. Please collect your child from the main back door at 3.05pm.

Home esafety-important message

It has been brought to my attention that some children have been exposed to an inappropriate YouTube video called **3am Challenge** while at home. It asks the viewer to complete a variety of challenges at 3am that gradually get more and more disturbing as they progress. As always, please make sure that you know what your child is accessing if they have a tablet or ipad at home. Make sure Parental Controls are set at an appropriate level and if you require any advice our website has various information leaflets about ways to ensure your child is safe on the internet.

School Uniform

At Humshaugh First School there is a standard uniform for children which we encourage them to wear.

Girls

- Grey/black trousers/skirt/pinafore
- White polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt/cardigan
- White, Red, Black or Grey socks or tights
- A red & white gingham dress may be worn in the summer
- Plain black school shoes or boots

Boys

- Grey/black trousers/shorts
- White polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt
- Plain black school shoes or boots

P.E. Kit (Drawstring bag)

PE kits should be kept on pegs. Children will bring their kit home at the end of each half term so it can be washed and returned to school for the start of the new half term.

- Shorts /leggings/track-suit bottoms
- T-shirt (hoodie or sweatshirt for outdoor PE)
- Socks & Trainers

All uniform, PE kits, bags, coats, shoes and wellies need to be labelled with children's names.

Jewellery and Hairstyles

The wearing of jewellery, especially earrings, is not encouraged because of the possible danger to the wearer and to other pupils. **NCC has a policy of not allowing earrings to be worn during PE, for reasons of safety (this includes swimming).**

If your child has their ears pierced and they are unable to take their earrings out, please either remove them for PE and swimming days or provide a roll of plaster so that they cover their earrings for all lessons including physical activity.

The school cannot accept responsibility for the safekeeping or removal of any jewellery.

Hair

Children should have long hair tied back at all times during the school day and hair should not be dyed or styled in extreme fashions, including Mohicans and tramlines, during term time.

FRIENDS

As always, the Friends have some lovely ideas for this term. In addition to the decorated box and vegetable competition, the following events are planned:

Thursday 28th September (after the Harvest Festival) 3-4pm- Treat shop

Children can bring some pocket money to the kitchen hatch and choose from a variety of treats.

Thursday 19th October – Jumble and Book sale

Following on from last year's success, there will be a Jumble and Book sale between 9.00-10.30am in the hall. Please drop your child off as usual and then re-enter the hall through the fire doors. Please allow children to bring in up to £1 to spend at the stall.

Thursday 23rd November-Christmas Shop

Children can bring in a small amount of pocket money to buy Christmas goodies between 3-4pm in the hall.

The Friends will also be paying for our tickets to see Wizard of Oz at the Queens Hall in December and for Christmas presents from Santa. We really appreciate everything they do, so please show your support as much as possible.

Middle School admissions

On-line admissions are now open. Year 4 parents should have received an information sheet about how to apply on line. The Open Evening for St. Joseph's is Wednesday 27th September and for HMS is on Thursday 5th October.

Outdoor Learning

On Fridays, children will need to wear trousers or leggings to school rather than ordinary school uniform. **We still would like children to wear their Humshaugh First School sweatshirt or cardigan.**

Please send wellies, a waterproof coat and trousers in a named carrier bag which can be kept on a peg. The children will change into these at lunchtime.

If possible, we would like parents to provide their child with a clearly labelled pair of wellies that can be kept at school for all types of outdoor activities through the week. We would really like to get the children outside as much as possible and with the changeable weather, school shoes are getting wet and uncomfortable. We will be purchasing some new storage for the corridor to keep the wellies in. If anybody has difficulty providing these please let us know.

Harvest Festival

We would like to invite parents, relatives and friends to our **Harvest Festival and Community Soup Lunch on Thursday 28th September**. The children will help prepare the vegetables in the morning and parent volunteers will make the soup ready for approximately 1.15pm. Guests are invited to arrive at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm lunch and to stay for the Harvest Festival which will include songs and poems to celebrate Harvest. There will be a collection at the end of the event and donations will be used to purchase food for the Hexham Food Bank. Louise Armatage will take our Year 4 children to Tesco to purchase the food.

We would ask that all children bring in a decorated shoe box with a few goodies in it such as tins, teabags, packets of pasta or biscuits. Dry goods are preferred as fresh fruit and vegetables will go off by the time we deliver them to our local pensioners on Monday 2nd October.

In addition to bringing in a box, the Friends would also like to run a competition for best decorated vegetable. Boxes and competition entries can be brought into school on Wednesday 27th September.

Summer handwriting challenge

Well done to all the children who completed the Summer Handwriting challenge. They received a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award certificate and a prize. Thank you to Mrs Carney or organising the prizes.

Lunch money-Autumn 1st -5.9.17-19.10.17

The cost is £2.30 per day therefore £75.90 for the first half of the term (33 days at £2.30 per meal)

Please send all monies to the school office in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name, class and the amount enclosed.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 still receive Universal Free School meals.

Letter check

It is vital that you check your child's book bag every day to ensure any messages, letters or permission slips are dealt with as soon as possible. It makes the organisation of activities and events so much easier for the teachers and Mrs Rowcroft.

Other dates for your diary.

Wednesday 20th September: Barnabas Day-Northern Saints

Wednesday 27th September: Year 4 Open Evening-St. Joseph's

Thursday 28th September: Soup day and Harvest Festival (Soup at 1.30pm and Harvest Festival at 2.15pm)

Sunday 1st October: Harvest Festival at St. Peter's Church 9.30am

Monday 2nd October: Children deliver Harvest gifts to pensioners

Thursday 5th October: Year 4 HMS Open Evening

Friday 6th October: Year 3 and 4 trip to Antony Gormley's workshop (letter going out soon)

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th October: Parent Consultations (letter will be sent out in the next few weeks)

Thursday 19th October: Jumble and Book Sale 9.00-10.30am-school hall / Last day of term

Friday 20th October: Teacher Day

Monday 30th October: Autumn 2nd term starts

Tuesday 31st October: Middle School admissions close

Thursday 23rd November: Christmas Shop 3-4pm – school hall

Wednesday 29th November: Advent Day

Monday 18th December: Trip to see Wizard of Oz-Queens Hall

Wednesday 20th December: Lights, Camel, Action! Christmas Production-9.15am

Thursday 21st December: Christmas Party 1pm

Friday 22nd December: Break up for Christmas!

