



Tuesday 7th September 2021

Welcome back to a new school year. Hope you had a fun-filled, action packed summer holiday and are ready to embrace the new school year with energy and enthusiasm!

RECEPTION NEW STARTERS

A warm welcome to our new starters in Reception: Isla, Anna, Harry B, Andrej, Elijah, Esme, Jenny, Harry H, Olivia, Hamish, Archie and Ava.



Also we say a big hello to Charlotte, Eilidh, Florrie, Violet, Joey and Charlie who will all be joining us in Nursery this term.

LETTER CHECK

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BOOK BAG TODAY!

- Website/Photographs permission (return to Office by Friday 10th September)
- Going Home Arrangements (return to Office by Friday 10th September)
- Data Collection (return to Office by Friday 10th September)
- Local visits and trips permission (return to Office by Friday 10th September)
- Sports club letter and permission slip (return to Office by Friday 10th September) **Y1-4 ONLY**
- Zumba Dance club letter and permission slip (return to Office by Friday 10th September) **Y1-4 ONLY**
- Year 3 and 4 trip letter and permission slip (return the Office by Friday 10th September)
- Acceptable ICT Use Policy (return to Office by Friday 10th September) **Y1-4 ONLY**
- Term dates
- Information about Free School meals
- Breakfast club poster
- Fruit scheme information

Separate form-Immunisation form (MUST BE RETURNED BY THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER)

NEW SCHOOL GATES

We are really pleased with our new school gates which reflect our vision of 'Being Good Soil'. Thank you to Mrs Dodd for researching and sourcing them.

HEALTHY SNACK

The School Fruit scheme will begin again shortly for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 only. If you are able, please provide a healthy snack for your child to eat during morning playtime if they are not in Reception or Key Stage 1, this includes children in Nursery.

FLU IMMUNISATION FORMS

You must return your completed form to school by **Thursday 9th September**. They will be collected on Friday by the School nurse team. If you do not send back a completed form, your child will not be able to have their flu drop immunisation at school.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school by **Monday 13th September**.

We will be doing PE outside in the autumn term, so please make sure your child has a suitable PE kit in school and trainers that he/she can fasten independently.

Kits will be sent home each holiday to be washed and returned to school. Due to limited space, please ensure bags are the drawstring type rather than large rucksacks.

If your child will be attending Sports club, they will go home in their PE kits which will need to be returned to school in time for the next lesson.

MILK AND SCHOOL LUNCHES

Mrs Dodd has sent an email to all parents today regarding milk. Please respond as soon as possible if your child would like milk. The email includes the school lunch menu for this half term.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Mrs Phillips and her team continue to run Breakfast club every morning from 8.00-8.50am. Please contact Mrs Dodd in the office if you have not already indicated that your child will require a place.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will start again this **FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER** and will be led by Miss Osborne and Mrs Phillips, with support from our amazing team of volunteers.

On Fridays, children in **YEARS 1 to 4** will need to wear practical outdoor trousers/leggings rather than ordinary school uniform. **We still would like children to wear their Humshaugh First School sweatshirt or cardigan.**

If possible, please provide your child with a clearly labelled pair of wellies, waterproof coat and trousers that can be kept at school OR brought in and returned home every Friday.

If anybody has difficulty providing these please let us know. We do have a certain amount of school waterproof trousers if needed.

ILLNESS

We understand that parents may be wary of sending children into school who are displaying cold/flu like symptoms. Please ring school if you need support to make a decision about whether your child should attend. In the coming months, coughs and snotty noses will be a regular occurrence but not necessarily symptoms for Covid-19.

We would prefer that your child have a dose of paracetamol and come into school unless they have a high temperature. There are regular handwashing and sanitising points through the day and tissues in every room. If staff are concerned that a child is unwell in school, parents will be contacted for the child to be collected.

COVID-19-The latest Government guidance and Risk Assessment is on our website.

SWIMMING

The children in **Years 2, 3 and 4** will be swimming from **Wednesday 15th September** for the whole year. The consent letter and information will be sent out tomorrow (Wed 8th September). Payment will be set up on Parent Pay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Sports club starts on:	Monday 13 th September	3.05pm-4.15pm
Zumba Dance club starts on:	Thursday 16 th September	3.05pm-4.15pm.

PARENTS TO PICK UP THEIR CHILD FROM THE FRONT DOOR PLEASE.

***Cookery club will resume after half term-more information to follow**

BIRTHDAY CAKES

Due to the Coronavirus and an increase in the number pupils with dietary needs, we are requesting that parents DO NOT send in birthday cakes to school. If you would like to mark your child's birthday with a treat, then please send in a small bag of sweets for each child in their class to be handed out at the end of the day. This is completely optional of course.

ROUTINES

The drop off and pick up routines will continue as per the summer term. Mrs Dodd has included extra information for Nursery parents in her email.

Please can we remind parents to follow social distancing guidelines and avoid congregating in the yard when dropping off or picking up their child(ren).

TRANSPORT

Children who travel on the taxi will be escorted to the front door by the driver. A Breakfast club member of staff will be there to greet the children at whatever time they arrive and the children can join Breakfast club until school starts.

UNIFORM

All children will be expected to wear full school uniform as outlined in the school brochure (see website). Uniform is available at www.schooltrends.co.uk. New book bags are also now available to purchase via the school trends website. We also have a uniform swap system which will be available from the first day of term. ***PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME***

FRIENDS FROM THE VILLAGE

We are delighted to resume our Friends from the Village afternoons this term. The first one will be on Tuesday 28th September from 1-30-3.00pm. The children in Class 3 will host with the usual tea and biscuits, board games and bingo!

STAY AND PLAY

Stay and Play will start again on Wednesday 15th September 9.30-11.00am in the school hall. Please speak to Denise Gradwell if you are interested in attending.

PIANO LESSONS

For those children who have signed up to have piano lessons with Clair Caris, they are due to resume on Friday 10th September.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE/COMMUNICATION

I will send a weekly newsletter to parents with regular updates, news, diary dates and photographs. We will hold Parent Consultations towards the end of this half term. Letters will be sent out in advance.

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

email: melanie.wilkinson@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)-Mrs Blythe

email: karen.blythe@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)-Mrs Long

Email: jude.long@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

For queries regarding Parent pay, Nursery funding or sessions, clubs, milk, Breakfast club and school dinner, please email our Office Manager Sarah Dodd.

email: admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

Monday 6 th September:	Teacher Day
Tuesday 7 th September:	School starts-Autumn 1
Friday 10 th September:	Forest School starts
Saturday 11 th September:	Harvest Show
Monday 13 th September:	PE/Sports Club start
Tuesday 14 th September:	Y3/4 trip to Jarrow Hall
Thursday 16 th September:	Zumba starts
Friday 17 th September:	Y1-4 Sunshine Panners-Steel pan sessions (Children will stay at school for the afternoon-no Forest School on this day)
Tuesday 28 th September:	Friends from the Village- Class 3
W/C 11 th and 18 th October	Parent meetings-more information to follow
Thursday 21 st October:	Last day of term
Friday 22 nd October:	Teacher Day
Monday 1 st November:	Autumn 2 starts
Friday 17 th December:	Break up for Christmas
Monday 3 rd January 2022:	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th January:	Spring 1 starts