

Friday 27th May (3 PAGES)

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our superstars Harry and Emily who received a certificate, sticker and a light up gold star for the week. Well done to our Handwriting Heroes Maddie, Arthur, Katlyn and Josie. Congratulations to Lewis and Jack for the Perseverance Awards and Felix for receiving the Helping Hand award.



In Early Years, Hugo H and Jenny are Superstars for 'being gentle' and Hamish and Laurie are the Handwriting Heroes and Anna received the Kindness Award-well done!

EYFS CHURCH VISIT

As part of their learning in RE, the children in Nursery and Reception visited St. Peter's Church on Thursday to find about more about this 'special place'. The children really enjoyed discovering the different areas and features in the church and their behaviour was exemplary.



QUADKIDS RESULTS

We have just received the results of our Quadkids competition from last week. The winning boy and girl were Jacob and Elsie with Tobias and Josie coming a close second. Congratulations to all the participants who received a certificate today.



COMMEMORATIVE JUBILEE MUGS AND COINS

Thank you to The Evans Trust for gifting every child in school a Jubilee mug and to the Humshaugh First School Governing Body for the very special keepsake coins. If your child is absent, they will receive their Jubilee gifts after half term.

RETIREMENT

It is with mixed emotion that we will be saying goodbye to our dear friend and colleague Mrs Porteus at the end of the summer term. She has decided to hang up the paint brushes and phonics cards and retire so she can enjoy her cycling and travels. The staff and pupils will miss her greatly but we hope that she will pop in as much as possible...we know where she lives!! Good Luck Mrs Porteus and wishing you a Happy Retirement (nearly!).

LOOK AT BOOKS DAYS

The next half term is going to be very busy with SATS, Phonics Screenings, Y4 Multiplication Checks, EYFS assessments, Report Writing and all the activities that happen at the end of the year such as the Summer Production and Leaver Service. As a result, we are hoping to have our Look at Books days on **Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th July**. These sessions will run between 3.05-4.00pm in classrooms. Children can show parents their books and work on display and talk about their routines and learning. The class teacher will be present, but this will be child-led rather than teacher-led.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to everyone who has returned a questionnaire. The feedback is being reviewed and this will be shared with parents after half term. We always value constructive comments and particular thanks to those parents who took the time to write responses to each question.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Thank you to those parents who responded to the proposed change to the timings of the school day. I am sure you are aware that it is challenging for school to accommodate everyone's requests and needs and that we will endeavour to be as flexible in our provision as possible. I will be in touch after the half term holidays to confirm arrangements for September.

<u>PE</u>

PE kits should be in school on **Monday 6th June**. Children in Years 1 to 4 will be doing Striking and Fielding games such as Rounders and Cricket so please provide an outdoor PE kit with trainers.

MESSAGE FROM THE PLAYING FIELD TRUST

Humshaugh Children's Playing Field Trust are seeking new Trustees to help run the Trust and the playing field. Parents with school-age children would be particularly welcome and anyone interested should contact the Chair of Trustees Tim Taylor at <u>timitaylor69@gmail.com</u>.

ATTENDANCE

We are sorry that so many children have been poorly over the last few weeks. Whole year groups have been affected by a nasty sickness bug or cough and cold. We would like to wish everyone a speedy recovery and hope that after half term we can try to have an illness free end to our year!

Start of Summer 2 nd term
Hoopstarz-N-Y4-in school
Y3 visit to HMS-more information to follow
NO PE OR SPORTS CLUB
Y4s visit to QEH-Community Cohesion event-info to follow
HMS Rounders (Transition for Y4s going to HMS)
Wildling Theatre workshop and performance (Y1-4)
Look at Books 3.05-4.00pm
Transfer Day (Year 4s)
Look at Books 3.05-4.00pm
Summer Production 9.15am/5.30pm
Last day of Summer term
Y4 Leaver Service-9.15am