



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### ATTENDANCE

Well done to the children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 who achieved 100% attendance this week. All four year groups will share the attendance cup.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	100%
YEAR 1	100%
YEAR 2	100%
YEAR 3	100%
YEAR 4	92%

96-100% =  93-96% =  Below 93% = 

### First week

We have had a fabulous first week-thank you for your patience with new routines, we are learning too! Thank you for returning your letter pack so quickly, it is a great help.

### Breakfast club

We are delighted to be able to offer Breakfast club at a reduced cost this year. The cost for a session is now £2.00. There is a 50% discount for a sibling therefore £1.00 and a third sibling is free.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast club on any day, please catch Mrs Phillips on the yard or drop me an email and I will pass on the message.

### PARENT PAY

You will by now have received an activation letter and information about Parent pay. We have started using the system so any school meals that are to be paid for have been recorded. **THE CORRECT COST FOR NURSERY CHILDREN IS NOW ON THE SYSTEM.**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH OR CHEQUES in.**

**Even though children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 still receive Universal Free School meals, parents should activate their accounts because as soon as possible, we will organise swimming, breakfast club, milk and school trip payments and consent forms using ParentPay. If you have more than one child at the school, there is an option to merge the account.**

**If your child is in receipt of free school meals, you still need to activate your account for the reasons stated above.**

**If you need any help, please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Long. It is a new system and a new learning experience for all!**

### PE and Sports club

PLEASE MAKE SURE PE KITS ARE IN SCHOOL FOR **MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**. YEAR 1-4 IN THE BOXES BY THE BACK DOOR AND NURSERY/RECEPTION IN THEIR WICKER BASKETS IN THE HOME ROOM.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SPORTS CLUB RUNNING ON 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER. Our PE agreement runs in 5 week blocks.**

**On 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, the Year 3 and 4 children will take part in PE Leadership training with Mrs Alderslade in place of their usual PE lesson.**

### Other after school clubs

**Messy Church** starts on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** 3.05pm-4.15pm

**Zumba Dance** club starts on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** 3.05pm-4.15pm

**(PLEASE NOTE-NO ZUMBA ON THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER DUE TO HARVEST FESTIVAL)**

### Humshaugh Village Harvest Show

Thank you to Sarah Dodd who came and talked to the children in Collective Worship today. There is a flier in your child's book bag and free event guides are available at the Community shop.

### School Harvest Festival

We would like to invite parents, relatives and friends to our **Harvest Festival and Community Soup lunch on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. The children will help prepare the vegetables in the morning and the Friends volunteers will make the soup ready for approximately 1.15pm. Guests are invited to stay for the Harvest Festival which will include songs and poems to celebrate Harvest.

We would ask that all children bring in a decorated shoe box with a few goodies in it such as tins, packets of pasta or biscuits. The children will then deliver these gifts around the village on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** after a short service with Revd. Steve at St. Peter's Church.

In addition to bringing in a box, the Friends would also like to run a competition for best decorated vegetable. More information about when to bring in boxes and entries will be sent out nearer the time.

### 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.

### Message from The Friends

Hello and welcome to the new school year! Hope everyone had a great summer break and are raring to go in our sparkly new school.

**Tuck Shop is back on! TODAY-3:05pm** at the kitchen hatch in the school. Please collect your child/children first and then wait at the hall doors. All monies raised go to school resources and activities.

We need **donations for the Toy Stall** at this year's village Harvest Show. Any toys, puzzles, games, books and cuddlies would be gratefully received. Here is your chance to declutter!

### Attendance

Many children had very good attendance and hit the target of 97% or above last year. However, a worrying number of children had well below this expected target.

**It states in the Hexham Partnership of School Policy for Leave of Absence during term time leaflet, "If your child's attendance falls below 93% it is of great concern to us and we have to discuss the issue with our Education Welfare Office."**

Please ensure your child is in school every day unless unwell. Parents must contact the school office or leave a message on the answer machine giving a reason for absence.

**To celebrate excellent attendance, we will continue to announce the year group/s with the best attendance each week during our Friday Star of the week Collective Worship. The children in that year group will be given a sticker and presented with the Attendance Cup to look after for the week. If there is a tie, each year group will share the cup for an equal amount of time.**

**The Year group Attendance percentages will be displayed in the front window and on the website.**

### Routines

**Please remember to arrive promptly to school in the morning. The bell is rung for school to start at 8.50am.**

Please do not leave children unattended until you are sure that Mrs Phillips is on duty in the yard. Thank you for following our morning and home time routines. Please remember to pick up younger siblings first at the Home Room and we will wait with your older child/children at the usual back door.

**Late book**-we are going continue monitoring punctuality using our Late Book from the beginning of term. If children arrive after the back doors are locked, they are required to be dropped off at the front door. A member of staff will fill in the late book and escort your child to their classroom. **Please also ensure you arrive on time at 3.05pm to pick your child up at the end of the day.**

**Dates for your diary-see below**

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**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September:** PE/Sports Club starts (3.05-4.15pm)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September:** Messy Church starts (3.05-4.15pm)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September:** Zumba starts (3.05-4.15pm)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September:** Jeans for Genes (wear jeans or denim to school –bring a £1 donation)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September:** Operation Encompass Parent drop in (more info to follow)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September:** Y1-4 trip to the Great North Museum-letter to follow

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** Harvest Festival and community soup lunch (1.15pm) Harvest Festival (approx. 2.15pm). NO ZUMBA

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October:** Y1-4 children to deliver Harvest boxes around village after church service

**Mon, Tues, Wed 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> October:** Parent consultations (Letters will be sent out soon)

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Book Bus (NO SPORTS CLUB)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October:** Flu drops (Whole school)

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** NO SPORTS CLUB

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October:** Last day of term

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** Teacher Day

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November:** Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> term starts

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Swimming starts-Y1-4

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Remembrance service-St. Peter's Church 9.30am (all welcome)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas show 9.15am and 5.30pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Lunch

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Save the Children Christmas jumper day

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** 1.00pm 'The Three Bears'-Queens Hall (N/R)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.00am 'A Viking Christmas'-Queens Hall (Y1-4)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas party p.m.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Break for Christmas

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Teacher Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January:** Spring 1<sup>st</sup> term starts