



Friday 19th March 2021 (5 PAGES)

Another week of fun filled activities has flown by. The children are continuing to settle back into usual school routines. They are building up their resilience and increasing their independence every day and we are very proud of them all. No doubt they will be especially tired at the end of each day and at the weekend so please do not worry about completing homework activities unless they are enthusiastic. All the children are working very hard in school so they really do deserve a well-earned break. It is lovely to hear the noise and laughter in the park after school as the weather is getting warmer and the days longer.

WEEKLY AWARDS

Well done to our superstars Mia and William JG and our Handwriting Heroes Callum, Katlyn, Josie and Alex. Congratulations to Arthur D for receiving the Kindness Award, William R for the Perseverance Award and Riley for the Helping Hand Award.



FUN ACTIVITIES

EASTER GARDENS



STORYTELLING WITH PUPPETS



OUTDOOR MATHS-SYMMETRY

FOREST SCHOOL POSTER COMPETITION

The children in Years 1 to 4 were set the challenge to create a bright and bold poster requesting that dog owners clear up their dog's mess in the woods where we do Forest School. Every week the adults have to clear the area, often filling up to 30 bags of dog mess before the children can access the wood.

The winning posters were chosen by Miss Osborne and Herbie Newell and they will be printed professionally and displayed around the Forest School area. Well done to Jacob and Elsie who created the winning designs.



EASTER BAGS



We are so fortunate that volunteers at our local churches have created a delightful Easter bag for every child to use in school. Before the end of term, the children will also be given Messy Church bags to use at home during the holidays.

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

Now school is relatively back to normal, please can I ask parents to note the following ways to communicate with school. I know during Lockdown, the situation was unusual in that some members of staff gave their personal mobile numbers out to parents so they could remain in contact easily.

Going forward:-

PLEASE **DO NOT** CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF STAFF VIA THEIR PERSONAL MOBILE NUMBER, MESSENGER OR ANY OTHER FORM OF SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT MATTERS RELATING TO SCHOOL.

- If you have a query about Parent pay, clubs or Nursery funding and places, or need to report an absence or medical appointment, please contact Sarah Dodd in the school office via 01434 681 408 or by email: admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk
- If you have a query or concern regarding your child's academic progress or personal, social development, please contact the class teacher by email. Teachers will always endeavour to respond to emails by the end of the working day.
- **Class 1 (Nursery/Reception) Melanie Wilkinson**
melanie.wilkinson@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk
- **Class 2 (Years 1 and 2) Karen Blythe**
karen.blythe@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk
- **Class 3 (Years 3 and 4) Jude Long**
jude.long@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk
- If you have a query or concern about *anything* to do with what happens in school on a day to day basis, please contact Mrs Long via her email (jude.long@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk) or ring the school office to speak with her if the matter is urgent. Mrs Long will respond as soon as possible depending on her teaching commitment on that day.

PLEASE **DO NOT** USE THE FRIENDS' FACEBOOK PAGE AS A FORUM FOR AIRING CONCERNS OR RAISING QUESTIONS THAT CAN BE ANSWERED EASILY BY CONTACTING THE RELEVANT MEMBER OF STAFF.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their outdoor PE kits in school for Monday 22nd March

CLUBS (Y1-4)

Sports club Mondays- 3.05pm-4.15pm

Zumba Dance club Thursdays- 3.05pm-4.15pm.

Cookery club for children in **Years 3 and 4** will start after the Easter holidays on a Wednesday.

ROUTINES

- Doors open at 8.50am every morning. Please arrive promptly so the children can get on with learning as soon as possible.
- **Hometime collection-3.05pm (Clubs 4.15pm)-PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD/REN.**
- Parents should follow social distancing guidelines and avoid congregating in the yard or at the front of the school when dropping off or picking up their child(ren).
- Thank you for not bringing dogs onto the premises at drop off or home time.
- **PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN DO NOT USE THE PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE YARD AT HOME TIME, PARTICULARLY THE BIKES AND BIG TOYS.**

UNIFORM

Please ensure that ALL items of clothing and uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We now have very smart Humshaugh First School red hoodies available on www.schooltrends.co.uk

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the children in Years 1 and 4 who achieved 100% attendance this week.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	96%
YEAR 1	100%
YEAR 2	98%
YEAR 3	98%
YEAR 4	100%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 th March:	Red Nose Day (NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM/RED NOSES)- THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS-WE RAISED AN AMAZING TOTAL OF £78.00!
25 th March:	Service in school for Revd. Steve (staff and pupils)
26 th March:	Break up for Easter holidays
12 th April:	Summer 1 st term starts
30 th May:	STEM PROJECT-Reception
3 rd May:	BANK HOLIDAY
19 th May:	STEM PROJECT-Class 2
20 th May:	STEM PROJECT-Class 2
26 th May:	Shutterbugz School photographs (Individuals, groups and whole school)
28 th May:	Last day of summer 1 st term
7 th June:	Summer 2 nd term starts
23 rd June:	Puppet workshop Y2-4 –Queens Hall (restrictions permitting)
6 th July:	Transfer Day (more information to follow)
7 th July:	WildAbout Adventure-whole school activity day (restrictions permitting)
12 th & 13 th July:	WildAbout Adventure days Y3-4 (Off site-restrictions permitting)
16 th July:	Leaver Service/Last day of term

COVID-19 UPDATE

To ensure we are keeping school as safe as possible, please can I remind parents to not send their child to school if they or anyone in your household is displaying COVID-19 symptoms. During this time the household should self-isolate for 10 days or until the outcome of a test is received. This would mean siblings would also not attend school.

Main symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Letter from NCC-emailed to all parents on 17.3.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

Whilst the number of positive Covid-19 cases being identified in our communities is reducing, those cases are only a small percentage of the people who potentially have the infection as many will not have any symptoms. It is likely that the number of cases remains high; the infection is still being spread; and we know that cases can escalate very quickly if the conditions are right and people mix unnecessarily, for instance by continuing to hold events such as children's birthday parties. With our schools now fully reopened, it is vital that we all continue to do everything we can to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

The Government has outlined the roadmap out of lockdown, but the current 'stay at home' rules are not due to be relaxed until 29th March at the earliest. This means no indoor mixing of households, unless you are in a single person household support bubble, or a childcare bubble. For further details on household bubbles, please see www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household.

We have had increasing reports of secondary pupils gathering in groups outside of school hours, and we would like to remind you that this is still illegal and risks financial penalties being applied by the Police. While it may not sound risky for pupils to mix outside of school in groups, the level of risk is much higher than during the school day when they are socially distanced, wearing masks, and using hand sanitiser regularly.

We therefore ask that you ensure you, and your children are aware of the current rules and guidance, and that you know where they are at all times. You can only leave your home for essential shopping, or for exercise. You can exercise with your household or support bubble, or you can meet with one person from outside your household. Please continue to maintain social distancing at all times, including when exercising, and when dropping off and collecting your children from school.

If you or someone in your household develops symptoms, please arrange a Covid test for that person, and isolate your whole household immediately. If the result is positive, the household must isolate for 10 full days. If the result is negative, you can stop isolating.

From Monday 15th March, secondary school pupils (and middle schools from Year 7 upwards) will be offered Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing kits to be carried out twice a week at home. If your child gets a positive LFD test, you should inform the school immediately so they can identify close contacts. You should also isolate the whole household and arrange a confirmatory PCR test for your child. If the PCR test is negative, you can all stop isolating. If it is positive, you must all continue to isolate for 10 full days. Please also inform the school of the result of the confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible.

If you are struggling to test your secondary school child at home, schools will still have a small assisted testing site (ATS) within the school, where your child can be tested instead of at home.

Household testing

If you are a member of a household or a childcare bubble of a pupil, student or staff of a school, nursery or college, you are also eligible for twice-weekly testing. You can obtain your tests through your employer if they offer testing to employees, or at a local testing site. Please go to www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff for further details.

Financial support

You may be eligible for financial support during your isolation period, please go to www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme for further advice and how to claim support.

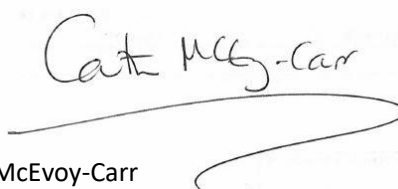
If we all play our part and adhere to the above guidance, then soon we should be able to look forward to a summer with less restrictions.

Thank you for all that you are doing.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Public Health



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Director of Adult Social Care & Children's Services

