3rd October 2014 Newsletter

Dear parents,

Safeguarding update

It is important that we have an up-to-date record of emergency contact numbers in case we need to phone you during school hours. Please return the attached form as soon as possible to ensure that we are able to contact you if necessary.

Staffing update

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Alison Smith will be temporary Pre-School Leader from Monday 13th October 2014. Mrs Emma Elliott will be Pre-School Assistant. Both members of staff already know the children and Mrs Smith has spent some mornings volunteering in Pre-School over the past few weeks in order to ensure a seamless transition and continuity for the children. Pre-School committee and the school Governors have met to discuss the long term provision for our younger children. Details of this will follow. Mrs Thompson will be joining us until Christmas as a Teaching Assistant in school.

Amy McKenzie (Max's mum) has asked that anyone who would like to make a donation towards Claire and Jill's leaving gift can do so by approaching her directly.

Parent Consultations

These will be held on Thursday 16th October, from 2-6pm. The purpose is to discuss how your child has settled into the new term and to give you the opportunity to discuss any issues about your child's progress.

McMillan Coffee morning

Huge thanks to Louise Armatage for organising the McMillan Coffee morning last Friday. Over £200 was raised which was added to the money raised by Mr and Mrs Prest to give a total of over £500 from the combined efforts of our village. Well done to everyone!

Harvest Festival

The children delivered a wonderful service on Thursday 2nd October, with some beautiful readings, acting and rousing singing! The theme of the service was our interdependency and the need to say thank you for all the good things that God provides. Thank you to everyone who has brought a decorated shoe-box and food into school; these will be taken to St Peter's Church today and distributed on Monday 6th October 2014.

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market will be held on Saturday 22nd November in Humshaugh Village Hall from 12-4pm.
There will be a raffle, local stalls, Xmas hamper and home-made teas.

Advent Soup morning

This will be held in the school hall on Thursday 4th December. Children will sing carols and soup will be served for members of our community. Details of timings will follow and will be displayed in school and in the village shop.

Parent Helpers

We are very grateful to the parents who help with reading, activities and swimming in school and we are keen to encourage more parents to become involved in the school in this way. If you think you might be able to spare an hour by volunteering for reading, swimming duty on Thursday morning or on Friday afternoon for activities then please let Mrs. Rowcroft know. If we have more parents helping with swimming, we could create a rota so that each parent only needs to help once a half term.

Parking

Please remember to keep clear of the yellow Keep Clear 'zig-zags' when you drop off and collect your child from school. The safety of all our children is paramount.

Wanted - piano

Mrs Long would like to put out an appeal for a second hand piano. If anyone has an unwanted piano in good working order that they would be prepared to donate/sell to the school, please contact her at school.

Other dates for your diary

Friday 24th October: break up for October half term.

Monday 3rd November : Children return to school for second half of Autumn term.

Monday 1st December: Christingle Service in St Peter's Church, Humshaugh, 2-3pm.

Thursday 11th December: Shared Christmas lunch for Humshaugh and Newbrough pupils at Newbrough CE Primary School.

Tuesday 16th December: 'Wind in the Willows' at the Queen's Hall, Hexham, 10am. Details to follow.

Friday 19th December 2014: Carol Service in St Peter's Church, 9.15am.

Kind regards,

Cath Newson (Headteacher)

Deuteronomy 8:3

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

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