



Friday 25th November 2022 (4 Pages)

ATTENDANCE

Humshaugh First School has an attendance target of **98%** for each pupil.

We understand there may be unavoidable and/or genuine reasons for a pupil's absence.

Irregular school attendance may have a serious impact on your child's academic progress. For this reason, we ask that you:

- * Where possible make medical appointments outside of school hours
- * Only allow your child to stay at home in response to genuine illness
- * Avoid taking holidays during term time.

Attendance at Humshaugh First School is regularly monitored. If pupils have persistently low attendance, a letter is sent home. If low attendance continues, the Educational Welfare Officer becomes involved. Our full Attendance Policy is on our website.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars George and Felix and our Handwriting Heroes Harry H, Effie, Euan and Oscar. Congratulations also to Harry A for receiving the Kindness Award; Samson for the Helping Hand Award and both Maddie and Liam for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done also to our Maths Whizzes this week; Ava, Lilly, Annabelle and Katlyn. Oscar and Hamish were awarded Science Stars.



In EYFS, Mollie and Spencer are the Superstars for 'Good Listening'. Charlie H received the Kindness Award and the Handwriting Heroes are Billie and Charlotte. Ella is the Maths Whizz. Well done everyone!



Thank you to everyone who donated via ParentPay-we made an amazing £59.00 for Children in Need.

SKIPPING FESTIVAL

The children in Years 3 and 4 were invited to a School Games Skipping Festival at the Wentworth Centre on Tuesday. They practised their individual skills, worked with a partner and then as a group with the big skipping ropes. All children showed great determination and resilience and it was a fabulous sight to see so many children enjoying skipping.



CLASS 2 WEATHER STATION

As part of their learning in Science, the children in Class 2 have made a Weather Station and they will record the weather every day using their homemade equipment.



| Class 2 Weather Chart | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Date | | | 23.11.22 | 24.11.22 | |
| Weather (symbol) | | | | | |
| Temperature (°C) | | | 7°C | 9°C | |
| Rainfall (mm) | | | 0.5mm | 0.9 | |
| Wind Direction (N,S,E,W) | | | S.E. | S.W. | |



SCHOOL COUNCIL

As discussed at our recent working lunch, the School Council will be organising a fundraising activity at school to raise money towards the Dog Trust and a local Dog home.

We will be holding a cake sale on Friday 9th December – at which we will ask parents to donate home-made or shop bought cakes, which we will sell at break, lunch and after school.

The cost for cakes will be a suggested 20p per cake donation.

If you are able, please send in cakes on the morning of Friday 9th December.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

The portal is now open on the NCC website for parents to apply for a Reception place for September 2023.

The link is here: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on **Monday 28th November**.

We welcomed our new Coach from NUFC on Monday – Mr Ballantyne. The children were very welcoming and he had a super first session.

STAY AND PLAY

The next **Stay and Play** will be on **Wednesday 30th November 9.00-10.30am** in the school hall. Please speak to Jean Newton if you, friends or relatives are interested in attending.

NURSERY PLACES

Just a reminder that we currently have 2-year-old places available on Monday and Friday mornings. Please share with friends and neighbours.



FREE FILM SHOWING

A free screening of the animated film “Up!” (Certificate U) will take place at Humshaugh Village Hall at 2.00pm on Saturday 10th December. Free ice creams and drinks will also be served. Everyone is very welcome but children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

Following a meeting on Wednesday, the Friends have set up AmazonSmile for all parents/grandparents.

Amazon will donate 0.5% to a preferred charity for no extra cost on every Amazon purchase.

It can be set up on your Amazon app and if activated will automatically donate to Friends of Humshaugh Church of England Aided First School.

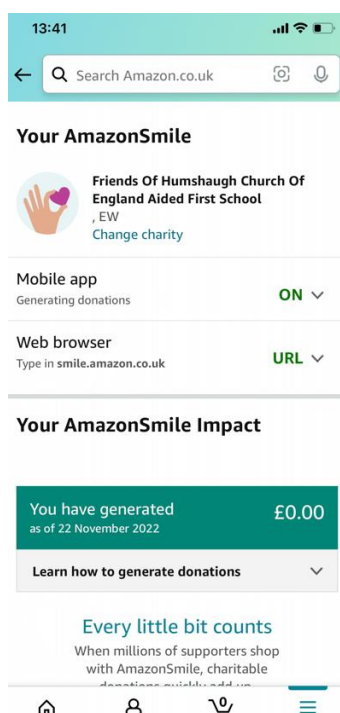
Instructions

Amazon app

Gifts and funding

Select charity (Friends of Humshaugh Church of England Aided First School)

Turn ON



COMMUNICATION

For queries regarding Parent Pay, Nursery funding or sessions, clubs, milk, Breakfast Club and school dinner, please email our Office Manager Mrs Clark.

email: admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

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

DIARY DATES

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| Monday 28 th November: | Deadline for Shutterbugz Photo orders |
| Tuesday 29 th November: | Follow that Star! Sacred Trails Event-Whole School- SIMONBURN- PACKED LUNCH / SCHOOL UNIFORM / WARM COAT |
| Tuesday 6 th December: | Festive Friends from the Village |
| Thursday 8 th December: | The Dog Trust-sessions for Y1-4 and School Council |
| Friday 9 th December: | Fundraising Cake Sale-School Council |
| Saturday 10 th December: | Free film showing of 'Up' -Village Hall 2.00pm |
| Tuesday 13 th December: | Y1-4 Christmas performance 9.15am and 2.15pm-school hall |
| Thursday 15 th December: | Y1-4 Christmas Theatre Trip 'Wind in the Willows' at The Queens Hall |
| Friday 16 th December: | EYFS Wiggly Nativity 9.15am-school hall Christmas Lunch |
| W/C Monday 19 th December: | NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF TERM Festive Piano Recital (Clair's pupils) |
| Tuesday 20 th December: | Y1-4 Cinema trip-further information to follow |
| Wednesday 21 st December: | Christmas party and Party food lunch NO SWIMMING |
| Friday 23 rd December: | EYFS Christmas Theatre Trip 'The Three Bears' at The Queens Hall Break up for Christmas at 12.30pm |
| Monday 9 th January 2023: | Spring 1 starts |
| Thursday 2 nd February 2023: | Y1-4 trip to The Sill-National Storytelling Week |
| Monday 8 th May 2023: | Bank Holiday (in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III) |

