



## **21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 Newsletter**

### **Governor update**

David Watson has resigned from the governing body due to commitments in his other two schools and family responsibilities. On behalf of the governors I would like to thank David for his hard work over the last two years in succession planning for the Headship and supporting the school through the recent Ofsted and SIAMS Inspections. The Diocese has appointed Mrs Mary Pedley as a foundation governor. Mrs Pedley is a former primary school teacher, trained Ofsted Inspector and SIAMS Inspector. She is also Chair of Governors at Newbrough Primary School.

### **Lunch Money**

Mrs Rowcroft has asked me to remind you that lunch money to October half term will be £78 if your child has a meal every day. Cheques should be made payable to Northumberland County Council. Please ensure that all money is sent to the office on Monday morning in a named and sealed envelope, with details on the front of the payments enclosed. If you could send the correct money or a cheque that would be appreciated.

### **Breakfast Club**

Mrs Phillips continues to run Breakfast Club at a cost of £4 per child per session, which includes one hour supervision and a healthy breakfast. Siblings will receive a 50% discount.

### **After School Club**

Mrs Blythe has sent details of the After School Sports Club, which begins on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. It is free to all pupils from reception to Year 4.

### **Supporting your child's reading**

Mrs Blythe's reading meeting will now be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. It is open to parents of children in Reception and Year 1. Mrs Blythe will explain how reading is taught at Humshaugh and how you can support your child at home.

### **Harvest Festival**

We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival in school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. We would like to invite your child to decorate a shoebox and fill it with fresh produce, packets and tinned goods which will be distributed in the village by the staff and children the following Monday. The Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church, Humshaugh will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring decorated harvest boxes filled with fresh fruit and vegetables or packets and tins into school on the week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

### **Christmas Market**

This will take place on **Saturday 7th November 11am-1.30 pm** in Humshaugh Village Hall. Traders include Mr Wolfe, The Northumbrian Sausage Company, Arkles Bakery, Noisette Catering, Usborne books, Phoenix cards, Forever Living and many more. We will need some helpers to serve in the coffee shop and bake cakes to raise money to treat the children to a trip to the theatre before Christmas. Please speak to Louise Armatage if you can spare an hour of your time. There will be a raffle on the day so if parents can donate a prize and drop it into school it would be most appreciated. Thank you.

**Other dates for your diary.**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church, Humshaugh.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October:** Pinpoint Adventure Outdoor Day. Details to follow.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** Parents' consultations, 2-6pm.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October:** Pupils break up for half term.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Pupils return for second half of Autumn term.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November:** Fireworks event on the playing field with refreshments in school.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** Advent soup and sing-a-long.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Christingle Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Humshaugh, 2-3pm.

Kind regards,

Cath Newson (Headteacher)

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Only in the darkness can you see the stars.

Martin Luther King Jr.