



## **19<sup>th</sup> September 2014 Newsletter**

Dear parents,

### **Safeguarding update**

The work on the perimeter fence will begin on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. This will be done in stages, to ensure your children are not in contact with the workmen during the construction of the fence. If you have any queries, please ask Mr Davison, Mrs Rowcroft or Mrs Newson. Some children have been reported to be climbing on the roof of the play shed out of school hours. Children are welcome to use the school grounds out of school hours but do so at their own risk. Younger children should be supervised by a responsible adult. The school will not be held liable for any accident that occurs on school property out of school hours.

### **Visit from Grace Christian School, South Africa**

Today, children were visited by Reverend Hendrick Mahlangu of Grace Christian School in the Siyabuswa community of South Africa. He showed our pupils how the school cares for vulnerable, at-risk children. This was a humbling experience for us all. Thanks to Richard Dodds, Foundation Governor, for organising this visit.

### **Parent Consultations**

These will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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. You will receive a letter from your child's class teacher, asking you to sign up for one of the available appointments. If you are unable to make this date, please speak to Mrs Long or Mrs Blythe to arrange an alternative time.

### **Healthy Snacks**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a piece of free fruit as part of the Government's Healthy Eating initiative. If your child is in Year 3 or 4 please remember to supply a healthy snack to eat at playtime; it is a long time between breakfast and lunchtime and children learn best if they have regular snacks.

### **Swimming in September**

Mrs Blythe was very impressed with the Reception children's ability to dress themselves after swimming lessons on Thursday. Children will swim in September starting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Due to rising fuel costs and increased fees from Hexham Swimming Pool, the cost per lesson will increase to £2.75 from September. Please make cheques for £22 per child payable to Northumberland County Council to cover the half term.

### **McMillan Coffee morning**

The Friends of Humshaugh First School have organised a Coffee Morning and Jumble Sale in school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014. This is a great opportunity to invite the community into school. Details of timings are advertised on posters around school and the village. Thanks to Louise Armatage for organising this. Please bring any donations of good quality clothing and toys into school during the week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Thank you!

### **Harvest Festival**

The children all look really smart in their new school shoes! Can we request that you decorate your child's shoe-box at home with a Harvest theme and bring it into school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. These will be used to make food parcels for residents in the village. Donations of fresh fruit, vegetables or tins and packets may be brought into

school by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. An open Worship will take place in school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome. Children will distribute the parcels 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.

### **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 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.

### **Other dates for your diary**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October:** break up for October half term.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November :** Children return to school for second half of Autumn term.

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

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014:** Carol Service in St Peter's Church, 9.15am.

Kind regards,  
Cath Newson (Headteacher)

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### **Joshua 1:9**

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.