



Friday 13th January 2023 (3 Pages)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We have had a super first week back after what I hope has been a lovely Christmas break for everyone. We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff-Mr Ben Hulbert who will be teaching PE across Key Stage 1 and 2 and also leading the after-school Sport Club on a Monday. Mr Hulbert is a very experienced teacher and the children made him feel very welcome on his first day.

Please can I remind parents that school starts at **8.45am** and children go straight into classrooms to do reading, spelling or handwriting. If your child is persistently late, they are missing out on important learning and instructions for their activities.

From this week, attendance percentages will be back on the newsletter and in the window at the front of the building. **Please ensure your child is in school every day.** The current advice is that if a child has a temperature/fever then they should remain at home until they are better. Attendance is monitored closely and the procedure for persistent absence is two letters home and then a meeting in school. The subsequent step is to refer the family to the Educational Welfare Officer.

PARENT PAY

Can I remind parents to check their accounts regularly and ensure that any outstanding monies are paid as soon as possible? Mrs Clark is having to email some parents to remind them on a regular basis especially when the outstanding amount is over the £20.00 limit. This has a negative impact on our accounting and is time consuming for Mrs Clark and impacts on her already heavy workload.

From January 2023, if the dinner money debt passes £20.00 then parents will be expected to provide a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who achieved 100% this week!

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	100%
YEAR 1	100%
YEAR 2	100%
YEAR 3	99%
YEAR 4	97%

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Archie and Riley; our Handwriting Heroes Esme, George, Annabelle and Hollie. Congratulations also to Olivia for receiving the Kindness Award, Maddie for the Helping Hand Award and both Charlie S and Felix for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Andrej, Harris, Samson and Katlyn. Congratulations also to Jenny and Oscar who were the first recipients of the new PE/Sport awards. All children were given a special sticker and an award to sit on their desk for the week.



In EYFS, the Superstars are Billie and Alice for 'Good Listening'. Ella is the Maths Whizz, Joey received the Kindness award and the Handwriting Heroes are Spencer and Charlotte-well done everyone!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has returned their appointment times letter. Letters went out in book bags yesterday and should be returned by **Monday 16th January** please.

THE FRIENDS

Just a reminder - The Friends would love the children help them design a new logo for the Friends of Humshaugh First School. The winning entry will receive a prize and their logo will be used on all Friends' communications. The design should be simple and eye catching and show that the Friends of Humshaugh First School aims to help the school and provide fun experiences and opportunities for its pupils.

The closing date for entries is Friday 20th January. Please hand entries in at the school office.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

The closing date for parents to apply for a Reception place for September 2023 is Sunday 15th January. The link is here: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

Sunday 15 January 2023	Closing date for all applications to be received by the Local Authority
Monday 17 April 2023	National Offer Day. E-mails sent to those parents who applied online and who requested to be informed by email. Parents who applied on a paper form will have a letter sent out to them today

PE KITS

The children in Years 1 to 4 are doing Gymnastics this half term. Please provide t-shirt and leggings/shorts. PE kits should be in school on **Monday 16th January 2023.**

FOREST SCHOOL

Just a reminder that the children will be doing Art rather than Forest School for the whole of the Spring term. Forest School resumes after the Easter break. Therefore, children are to come into school wearing full school uniform on a Friday.

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

Thursday 19 th January:	Friends from the Village
Thursday 2 nd February:	Y1-4 trip to The Sill-National Storytelling Week-letters will be sent home on Monday
Thursday 16 th February:	Last Day of Spring 1
Friday 17 th February:	Teacher Day
Monday 27 th February:	Spring 2 starts
Friday 17 th March:	Red Nose Day
Friday 31 st March:	Last Day of Spring 2
Monday 17 th April:	Summer 2 starts
Monday 8 th May:	Bank Holiday (in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III)