



Friday 23rd December 2022 (3 Pages)

Merry Christmas

We are so proud of all our children for their progress and achievements this term. Autumn 2 progress reports were sent out on Wednesday and Thursday following feedback from the Parental Questionnaire regarding communication about your child's learning. There will be a follow up face to face parent meeting in the Spring term, however please do contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss their progress further.

We are incredibly grateful for all your support and would like to thank you for your generous gifts and kind words-we really appreciate it. Wishing you a fabulous Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 9th January 2023.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The children had a super time at their Christmas parties on Wednesday with party games and dancing, followed by a visit from the Man in Red and a party food lunch.



PIANO RECITAL

Thank you to Clair and her pupils who performed some festive piano solos and duets on Tuesday. The children were brilliant and very brave to play in front of their friends. Well done to Liam and Oscar who won the Star pianist awards and all the pupils received a festive chocolate gift. We are really lucky to have Clair as our piano teacher. All the children are progressing very well under her tutorage.



FESTIVE SLIME

One of the highlights of the year is making slime (a tradition started by Mrs Carney) and Miss Osborne kindly organised for the children in Years 1 to 4 to make a variety of different festive themed slime. There are more photographs on the website.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Thank you to Miss Osborne and Mrs Clark for organising resources so the children in Years 1 to 4 could make super 'light-up' decorations. Thank you to Hexham Middle School for the inspiration!



THE FRIENDS

Thank you to The Friends for organising the Christmas presents for our parties and both theatre trips. We are so lucky to have such a proactive PTA whose tireless fundraising offers our children additional exciting experiences.

Just a reminder that over the Christmas holidays 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.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

The portal is still 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>

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 will be doing Gymnastics in Spring 1. Please provide t-shirt and leggings/shorts. PE kits should be in school on **Monday 9th January 2023.**

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

Friday 23rd December:

EYFS Theatre trip-The Three Bears at Christmas

Break up for Christmas at 12.30pm

Monday 9th January 2023:

Spring 1 starts-**PE and all After School Clubs resume**

Packed lunch (Newbrough Primary Teacher Day)

Thursday 19th January:

Friends from the Village

Thursday 2nd February:

Y1-4 trip to The Sill-National Storytelling Week

Thursday 16th February:

Last Day of Spring 1

Friday 17th February:

Teacher Day

Monday 27th February:

Spring 2 starts

Friday 31st March:

Last Day of Spring 2

Monday 17th April:

Summer 2 starts

Monday 8th May:

Bank Holiday (in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III)