



Friday 16th September 2022

The first full week back has whizzed by with lots of fun being had by the children learning across the school. The weather has also been good to us which always helps!
Just to remind you that school will be closed on **Monday 19th September** for the bank holiday in recognition of the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

HARVEST SHOW



Well done to all our Handwriting competition prize winners including Alice, Charlotte and Hugo A in Reception. All children received a Harvest themed sticker for taking part. Well done also to those prize-winning children who entered additional categories.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year, we will celebrate Harvest with a service in school on Thursday 6th October with the staff and children from Nursery to Year 4. We will, as always, ensure that videos and photographs are available to view on our website.

We would like to ask parents to send in any empty shoeboxes (Adult size shoes) as soon as possible.

We have set aside some time in school for the children to decorate the boxes ready to deliver to our 'Friends from the village' who live in Humshaugh.

Please could we also ask that parents send in a donation to go in the boxes, for example tins, dried goods such as pasta and biscuits.

These items can be sent in to the School office between Monday 3rd October and Thursday 6th October.

SCHOOL DAY

Just a reminder that the school day **begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm.**

Breakfast Club runs between **8.00-8.45am**

After School Clubs will run between **3.15pm-4.30pm.**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Due to exceptionally high numbers of children signing up for after school clubs, we will have to review our provision going forwards after half term.

I will be in touch shortly with more information regarding clubs and the new procedure that will begin after half term.

IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS AN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB, PLEASE PROVIDE A HEALTHY SNACK FOR THEM TO EAT AT 3.15pm. SCHOOL IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE SNACKS OTHER THAN THE FREE FRUIT SCHEME FOR RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND 2 DURING MORNING PLAYTIME.

Sports club:	Monday 19 th September	3.15pm-4.30pm (PE Kit)
Dance club:	Tuesday 20 th September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers)
Football/Yoga club:	Wednesday 21 st September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers for Football)
Zumba Dance club starts on:	Thursday 22 nd September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers)

LATECOMERS

Please ensure your child/ren arrive at school on time. Lateness will be monitored and if it is persistent then Mrs Long will ask parents to attend a meeting in school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Mrs Phillips and her team continue to run Breakfast club every morning from **8.00-8.45am**. Please contact Mrs Clark in the office if you have not already indicated that your child will require a place.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on **Monday 26th September**.

We will be doing PE outside in the Autumn term (weather permitting), so please make sure your child has a suitable PE kit in school and trainers that he/she can fasten independently.

PE kits will be sent home each holiday to be washed and returned to school. Due to limited space, please ensure bags are the drawstring type rather than large rucksacks.

All children will go home in their PE kits which will need to be returned to school in time for the next lesson.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are always very lucky that people offer their valuable time to volunteer in school.

We really need volunteers to help with Swimming on a Wednesday and Forest School on a Friday.

If you think you could spare the time to help out with either activity then please let Mrs Long know ASAP and she can give you more information about the timings and organise a DBS check.

ILLNESS

We understand that parents may be wary of sending children into school who are displaying cold/flu like symptoms. Please ring school if you need support to decide whether your child should attend. In the coming months, coughs and snotty noses will be a regular occurrence but not necessarily symptoms for Covid-19.

We would prefer that your child has a dose of paracetamol and comes into school unless they have a high temperature. There are regular handwashing and sanitising points through the day and tissues in every room. If staff are concerned that a child is unwell in school, parents will be contacted for the child to be collected.

SWIMMING

The children in **Years 2, 3 and 4** had a fantastic first swimming lesson on Wednesday. The swimming instructors were really impressed with their behaviour and their enthusiasm and effort.

Please ensure that your child/ren have swimming goggles as it is much easier for them to put their face in the water.

The payment item for swimming will be added to ParentPay towards the end of each half term and Mrs Clark will keep a record of any missed sessions. Parents will only be expected to pay for the sessions their child/ren attend.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Children who travel on the taxi will be escorted to the front door by the driver. A Breakfast club member of staff will be there to greet the children at whatever time they arrive and the children can join Breakfast club until school starts.

BIRTHDAY CAKES

Due to an increase in the number of pupils with dietary needs including allergies, we are requesting that parents DO NOT send birthday cakes into school.

Contrary to my previous newsletter, we have now made the decision that children should not bring sweets in for the children in their class. Apologies for the U-turn but various factors have been considered before making this decision.

UNIFORM

All children are expected to wear full school uniform as outlined in the school brochure (see website). Uniform with the Logo is available at www.schooltrends.co.uk. **However, logos are not compulsory and plain red sweatshirts/cardigans are available at local supermarkets.** Book bags are also available to purchase via the school trends website.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

We also have a uniform swap system which will be available from the first day of term. Our stock is quite low at the moment so if you have jumpers or cardigans that are in good condition that your child has outgrown, then please pop them into the school office.

STAY AND PLAY

Stay and Play will start again on **Tuesday 20th September 9.30-11.00am** in the school hall. Please speak to Jean Newton if you are interested in attending.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE/COMMUNICATION

I will continue to send a weekly newsletter to parents with regular updates, news, diary dates and photographs. We will hold Parent Consultations towards the end of this half term. Letters will be sent out in advance.

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

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Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)-Mrs Blythe

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Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)-Mrs Long

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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

DIARY DATES

Monday 19 th September:	School closed
Thursday 22 nd September:	Class 3 trip to the Great North Museum-more information to follow
W/C 3 rd /10 th October	Parent meetings-more information to follow
Thursday 6 th October:	Harvest Festival (staff and pupils)
Monday 10 th October:	Deliver Harvest boxes to 'Friends from the Village'
Thursday 20 th October:	Last day of term
Friday 21 st October:	Teacher Day
Monday 31 st October	Autumn 2 starts
Friday 23 rd December:	Break up for Christmas
Monday 9 th January 2023:	Spring 1 starts