



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (3 PAGES)**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Well done to the children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 who ALL achieved 100% attendance this week.

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

### **STAR OF WEEK**

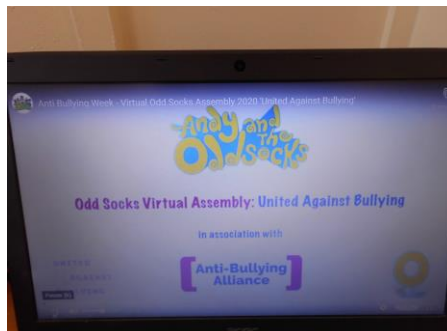
Well done to our **Super stars: Charlie A and Tobias** and our **Handwriting Heroes: Annabelle, Oscar, Teddy and Izic**. The **Kindness award** was presented to **Emily** and the **Perseverance award** was presented to **Riley**. Well done to both of them. They have the brave knight duck and a light up heart on their desk for the first week after half term. The **HELPING HAND award** was presented to **Alfie**, the pupil who has been most polite and helpful all week.



The children in EYFS have been receiving a 'Star of the day' award and a photo is sent to parents on a daily basis. Well done to this week's EYFS **'Star of the Week', Rhys**, for 'working hard' and the **Handwriting Hero-Jessie!**

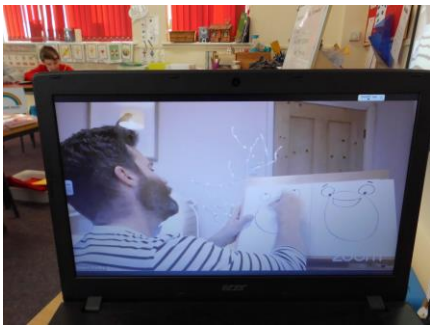
### **ODDSOCKS-Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

We have been focussing on Friendship all week as part of Anti-Bullying week. The children worked in mixed age groups and discussed what it means to be a good friend. They thought about what they would do in different situations to help themselves or others. All children have been given an odd sock to colour and we will pop them on a display in the hall to show that we took part in Anti-bullying week.



### **AUTHOR SESSIONS**

The children in Years 1 to 4 enjoyed two virtual author sessions this week with Rob Starling and Tracey Corderoy. The children particularly loved learning how to illustrate with Rob and have created some excellent 'Blob' families and stories. Both authors answered questions from our children which was fabulous.



### **PARENTZONE**

You can find out more about the free family resources from The Be Internet Legends programme by visiting [parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendsfamilyadventure](https://parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendsfamilyadventure)

### **NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST**

[https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/?mc\\_cid=42bb0d8bd6&mc\\_eid=7bddae09e9](https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/?mc_cid=42bb0d8bd6&mc_eid=7bddae09e9)

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.



### **AUTHOR OF THE WEEK: David Baddiel**

Listen to a new instalment of The Taylor TurboChaser audiobook every day, watch an exclusive video and discover David's top three favourite children's books.

### **EXTRA JUMPER**

Following a mandatory check on our wall mounted fan heaters, we have been advised to ensure that at least one window remains open at all times in the classrooms and hall. Your child may bring an extra jumper to wear in class if they wish.

### **CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS**

The children are looking forward to launching into rehearsals for Lights, Camel, Action 2 and Wiggly Nativity Returns. We are aiming to perform the shows during week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> December, fully costumed and recorded by a local volunteer. We are hoping to make DVD copies for every family (at no cost) but do not have a time frame for when these might be available.

The children in Years 1 to 4 have song words to learn (in their book bags) and I am sure as we increase the number of rehearsals they will be able to show you some groovy moves! If your child has brought home a script with highlighted dialogue, please help them to learn their lines by giving them the cues.

We hope to be able to provide costumes for all children. The most we might ask for is a festive jumper or outfit for some of the characters.

### **CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP**

We are planning to do our annual Christmas jumper day for Save the Children on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. If you have any Christmas jumpers that your child has outgrown, we would love to take them off your hands to add to our uniform swap trolley.

Please ensure items are in good condition and ideally washed before sending them into school.

### **CHRISTMAS TREATS**

With the current Covid-19 situation, our usual Christmas trip to the theatre is not possible this year. However, we cannot bear the thought of not having a bit of pantomime fun...Oh no we can't!!! We have booked a travelling pantomime 'Cinderella' in school for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December (as long as restrictions allow) and also signed up for the Northern Stage streaming of their Christmas show 'The Emperor's New Clothes' which we will watch on the morning of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December before our Christmas party and 'special visitor' in the afternoon.

### **FESTIVE TEA TOWELS**

If you would like to purchase a tea towel they are priced at £4 each (any profit made will be donated to charity).

Cash or cheques made payable to 'Humshaugh First School' to be handed in to the school office in a clearly labelled envelope ASAP.

Numbers are limited so we have set an initial maximum order of 2 tea towels per child. After everyone has had the chance to place an order we will sell off any remaining tea towels.

If you would like to purchase more after your initial order please let Mrs Dodd know and she will inform you if we have any left over to sell.

Tea towels will be ready to collect by the end of term.

### **NORTHUMBERLAND WOMEN'S REFUGE**

This year we will be collecting Christmas present donations for the Northumberland Women's Refuge. The refuge is based in East Northumberland and provides a safe place for women and their children to stay. If you would like to purchase a present for either a child or a mother please send gifts in to the school office, unwrapped, by the end of term. Children staying at the refuge range from birth to 18 years old. Due to Covid-19, all gifts must be new.

### **SHUTTERBUGZ PHOTOGRAPHS**

The deadline for orders is **Friday 27th November**. Photographs will be available to collect from school soon after that date. Any orders placed after the 27th will incur a delivery charge.

**Please note** siblings will only receive one code, which will allow access to all family photos taken.

### **PE KITS**

Please ensure children have returned their PE kits in school by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

10<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas lunch

11<sup>th</sup> Dec: Save the Children Christmas jumper day

14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Orienteering Festival (Y3+4)-on playing field

15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Northern Stage virtual Christmas show and Christmas party p.m.

16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Visiting Pantomime

18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Break for Christmas