



29th September 2017 Newsletter

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND COMMUNITY SOUP LUNCH

Thank you so much to everyone involved in making our Harvest Festival and Community Soup Lunch a real success. Special thanks must go to Louise Armatage for her amazing display, the Friends of Humshaugh for volunteering their time and of course to the parents and children who took the time to decorate superb boxes, fill them with goodies and even decorate vegetables, all of which were amazingly creative. It was very hard to judge as all boxes and vegetable entries were of a very high standard.

The box winner was Tess Atkin and runner up was Jackson Harding
The vegetable winner was Maya Cargill with her incredible vegetable elephant and the runner up was Logan Laas for his awesome grape legged spider.

All children will receive a treat to say thank you for all their hard work.

On Monday, the children in Years 1 to 4 will deliver the Harvest boxes to pensioners in the village. Our collection for Hexham Food Bank raised an amazing £66.82. Thank you to everyone who donated. Louise Armatage will take the Year 4 children to Tesco after half term to purchase items to donate to the Food bank.

FRIENDS

As always, the Friends have some lovely ideas for this term. In addition to the decorated box and vegetable competition, the following events are planned:

Tuesday 17th October- Pub quiz at The Crown Inn, HUMSHAUGH at 8pm in aid of the playing field fireworks display.

Thursday 19th October – Jumble and Book sale

Following on from last year's success, there will be a Jumble and Book sale between **9.00-10.30am** in the hall.

Please drop your child off as usual and then re-enter the hall through the fire doors. Please allow children to bring in up to £1 to spend at the stall. Class teachers will take each class to the hall during the morning.

Friday 3rd November - Humshaugh Playing Field Trust Firework Spectacular

From 6pm hot food served and fireworks start at 6.30pm.

No sparklers or personal fireworks to be brought to the event

Thursday 23rd November-Christmas Shop

Children can bring in a small amount of pocket money to buy Christmas goodies between 3-4pm in the hall.

The Friends will also be paying for our tickets to see Wizard of Oz at the Queens Hall in December and for Christmas presents from Santa. We really appreciate everything they do, so please show your support as much as possible.

MESSY CHURCH

We are delighted that Mrs Wilkinson and Revd. Steve Wilkinson will be running an **After School Messy Church Club** on Tuesdays from 3.05pm-4.15pm. The club will start after half term and a letter will be sent out shortly with a permission slip to return. Parents are invited to join the children and staff at 4.00pm for a tea or coffee and to see what the children have been learning. The club will finish at 4.15pm and as always children can be picked up from the back door.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

On Fridays, children will need to wear trousers, jeans or leggings to school rather than ordinary school uniform.

We still would like children to wear their Humshaugh First School sweatshirt or cardigan.

Please send a waterproof coat and trousers in a named carrier bag which can be kept on a peg. The children will change into these at lunchtime.

WE NOW HAVE A FANTASTIC SET OF WELLIE SHELVES NEAR THE BACK DOOR! (Thank you to Mrs Carney for collecting them and Mr Davison for making them).

If possible, we would like parents to provide their child with a **clearly labelled pair of wellies that can be kept at school** for all types of outdoor activities through the week. We would really like to get the children outside as much as possible and with the changeable weather, school shoes are getting wet and uncomfortable.

PLEASE DO NOT WEAR WELLIES TO SCHOOL – CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHOES TO CHANGE INTO

ANTONY GORMLEY TRIP-YEAR 3 AND 4

As you know the Year 3 and 4 children will be visiting Antony Gormley's workshop on Friday 6th October. Please look out for a letter on Monday with details of who your child will be travelling with and a reminder to send in a booster seat (preferably a small one) on the day of the trip. Children will return to school for lunch.

Lunch money-Autumn 1st -5.9.17-19.10.17

The cost is £2.30 per day therefore £75.90 for the first half of the term (33 days at £2.30 per meal)

Please send all monies to the school office in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name, class and the amount enclosed.
Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 still receive Universal Free School meals.

Middle School admissions

On-line admissions are now open. Year 4 parents should have received an information sheet about how to apply on line. The Open Evening for HMS is on Thursday 5th October.

GRAPES IN PACKED LUNCHES

A message from Mrs Kennedy: For safety reasons, if your child brings grapes in their packed lunch, please could you ensure that they are cut in half.

Letter check

It is vital that you check your child's book bag every day to ensure any messages, letters or permission slips are dealt with as soon as possible. It makes the organisation of activities and events so much easier for the teachers and Mrs Rowcroft.

Other dates for your diary.

Sunday 1st October: Harvest Festival at St. Peter's Church 9.30am

Monday 2nd October: Children deliver Harvest gifts to pensioners

Thursday 5th October: Year 4 HMS Open Evening

Friday 6th October: Year 3 and 4 trip to Antony Gormley's workshop

Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th October: Parent Consultations (letter detailing your appointment time will be sent out on Monday)

Tuesday 17th October- Pub quiz at The Crown Inn

Thursday 19th October: Jumble and Book Sale 9.00-10.30am-school hall / Last day of term

Friday 20th October: Teacher Day

Monday 30th October: Autumn 2nd term starts

Tuesday 31st October: Middle School admissions close

Friday 3rd November - Humshaugh Playing Field Trust Firework Spectacular

Thursday 23rd November: Christmas Shop 3-4pm – school hall

Wednesday 29th November: Advent Day

Monday 18th December: Trip to see Wizard of Oz-Queens Hall

Wednesday 20th December: Lights, Camel, Action! Christmas Production-9.15am

Thursday 21st December: Christmas Party 1pm

Friday 22nd December: Break up for Christmas!

Monday 8th January 2018: Teacher Day

Tuesday 9th January 2018: Spring 1st term starts

Many thanks for all your support, the staff and I really appreciate it. Please remember we are always happy to talk to parents regarding and issues or concerns. Please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Best wishes

Jude Long

