



17th October 2014 Newsletter

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all children who decorated Harvest boxes and braved the elements to deliver them to elderly people in our village. We have received some lovely thank you letters which are on display in the hall. Thanks also to Dr McCollum and Mrs Rowcroft for organising the distribution of boxes.

Pre-School

Mrs Rock and Mrs Mitchell received lovely gifts and flowers on Friday 10th October in recognition of their hard work for your children over the last eight and six respective years. Mrs Mitchell has agreed to extend her period of notice and will work in Pre-School until half term. This provides continuity for the children and we are extremely grateful to her for agreeing to this. The children seem to have responded well to Mrs Smith and they are already learning some phonics and enjoying 'free-flow' sessions with Class 1.

Parent Consultations

We had an excellent percentage of parents attending this week's parent- teacher consultations. If you were unable to attend but would like an alternative appointment, please speak to Mrs Blythe or Mrs Long. Thank you to parents who are remembering to read with their child/ren for a few minutes each night. It really does have a significant impact on their overall progress.

Safeguarding update

Can all parents who come into school through the front door, please ensure that it is closed securely behind you. Can you also please ensure that children are not climbing on the wall and jumping over the fence to come into the yard after 3.05pm. The school will not be liable for any accidents which occur out of school hours.

Applications for Middle Schools

The closing date for applications for a place at a middle school is **31st October 2014**. Please see Mrs Newson or Mrs Long if you require any help with the online application process.

Lunch Money

Please make sure lunch money is paid on a Monday for the week ahead. If your child is ill, they will be credited for meals for the following week. If money is still outstanding by half term, Mrs Rowcroft will inform you that your child will have to bring a packed lunch after half term, until all money is paid.

Spooky Disco

The Friends of Humshaugh First School and Pre-School would like to remind you that about the Spooky Disco on Friday 24th October from 6-7.30pm. If you are available to help on the night, please see Louise Armatage.

Other dates for your diary.

Friday 24th October: Pupils break up for October half term.

Monday 3rd November: Pupils return to school for second half of Autumn term.

Wednesday 5th November: Humshaugh Playing Fields Committee Fireworks Event.

Food served at 6pm, fireworks 6.30pm

Saturday 22nd November: Christmas Market in Humshaugh Village Hall, 12-4pm.

Monday 1st December: Christingle Service at St Peter's Church, Humshaugh, 2-3pm.

Thursday 4th December: Christmas soup and sing-a-long. Details to follow.

Thursday 11th December: Shared Christmas lunch for children at Newbrough CE Primary School

Tuesday 16th December: Visit to Queen's Hall Hexham to see 'Wind in the Willows'.

Friday 19th December: Carol Service in St Peter's Church, Humshaugh, 9.15am.

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Kind regards,

Cath Newson (Headteacher)

"Joy is not the absence of suffering. It is the presence of God."

Robert Schuller