



Friday 1st October 2021 (4 PAGES)

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our superstars Effie and Oscar who received a certificate and a light up gold star for the week. Well done to our Handwriting Heroes Harris, Felix, Liam and Josie. Congratulations to Jessie for receiving the Kindness Award, Freddie for the Perseverance Award and Harry for receiving the Helping Hand award.



In Early Years, Mollie and Jenny are Super Stars for 'being kind and helpful' and Isla is the Handwriting Hero for trying really hard with her writing-well done!

EYFS FOREST SCHOOL

The children in Nursery and Reception donned their wellies and high-vis jackets and walked up to the Forest School woods on Wednesday. They had great fun exploring and listening to stories with Mrs Blythe. We hope to make this a regular occurrence throughout the school year. Thank you to the staff and Herbie Newell for making the first EYFS Forest School trip so fun.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

We held our School Council election on Wednesday for children in Years 1 to 4. We were delighted with how many children applied and they bravely stood up in front of their peers to say why they wanted to be on School Council. The children then voted for those candidates who they felt had made the most convincing campaign. The results are as follows:

Year 1 – Rhys and Bertie

Year 2 – Lucy and Bella

Year 3-Arthur D and Jacob



The Year 4s will be sharing the responsibility across the three terms so they each get an equal turn at being on School Council as it is their last year in school. The group for Term 1 is **Teddy, Josie, Freddie and Elsie**. Congratulations to all successful candidates. The first 'Working Lunch' will be on Monday 4th October.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS TITLE

We are thrilled to be part of a Guinness World Record title for our Royal Mail Postage stamp entries. Over 600,000 children entered and our designs contributed towards the record for the largest postage stamp design competition in May 2021. All children from Years 1 to 4 received a special certificate.



TINA AND POPPY THE READING DOG

It was great to have Tina and Poppy back in school on Thursday. All children will get a chance to read with Tina and Poppy over the coming weeks on a rota system. Once all the Year 1 children have read, then the Year 2s will have a turn and so on.

SWIMMING SNACK

Parents are welcome to send in a healthy snack for children to eat at school after swimming. This could be a piece of fruit, bread sticks, crackers or cereal bar. No Sweets or chocolate please.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please send in any empty shoeboxes 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.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS CARNEY

Please could children in Years 1 and 2 send or email a baby photograph in as soon as possible to support learning in Science. Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM EYFS

If you have any empty pump action soap dispensers (e.g. Carex), please could you send them in to Nursery and Reception so they can create a paint mixing station. Many thanks!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS (RECEPTION- YEAR 4)

Parent consultations will be held during the weeks commencing 11th October and 18th October.

Please ensure you send your preferred times letter into school by Monday 4th October at the latest.

Nursery parent consultations will take place after half term. Mrs Wilkinson will be in touch soon.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on Monday 4th October.

If your child attends Sports club, they will go home in their PE kits which will need to be returned to school in time for the next lesson.

UNIFORM

Uniform is available at www.schooltrends.co.uk. New book bags are also now available to purchase via the school trends website. We also have a uniform swap system which is available. Please speak to Mrs Dodd in the School Office.

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

SCHOOL DINNERS

I have had a message from our Catering Provider to say that shortages of certain items are beginning to affect what food can be ordered for school dinners. As a result, the menu may change at short notice for the foreseeable future. We will do our best to inform parents of any menu changes but this may not always be possible so apologies in advance.

ATTENDANCE

Lots of illness this week but very well done to Reception and Year 3 for achieving 100% attendance.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> %
RECEPTION	100%
YEAR 1	91%
YEAR 2	95%
YEAR 3	100%
YEAR 4	97%

JOB VACANCY

Caretaker

Humshaugh C of E (Aided) First School is looking to appoint, from January 2022, an experienced, highly-motivated and committed caretaker who can support and enhance the learning environment. The successful candidate will oversee the day-to-day management of the school site, ensuring a high level of hygiene and safety is maintained.

Overview of role

- The caretaker will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the school site (both internal and external areas).
- Contract: Part-time 20 hours per week (term time and some hours in school holidays)
- Salary: Band 2 £18,562 Pro rata

Closing date for applications – Friday 22nd October. Interviews – Week commencing November 8th

Further information and an application pack can be found on the website:

<http://www.humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk/website>

Or by contacting the school office on Tel: 01434 681408

Email: admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

W/C 11 th and 18 th October	Parent meetings (R-Y4)
Thursday 21 st October:	Last day of term
Friday 22 nd October:	Teacher Day
Monday 1 st November:	Autumn 2 starts
Tuesday 9 th November:	Centre For Life trip-Y1-4 (Letter to follow)
Tuesday 16 th November:	Friends from the Village –rescheduled date (Class 3)
Friday 17 th December:	Break up for Christmas
Monday 3 rd January 2022:	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th January:	Spring 1 starts