



27th May 2016 Newsletter

eSafety

A concern has been raised about children having access to inappropriate videos on YouTube. Please ensure your filters and security levels are high and monitor your child's use of You Tube. For further information please go to www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

Wild About Adventure

The children had great fun making and painting bird boxes on Tuesday and foraging for bits and bobs to make a Bug Hotel. There will be a second full activity day on **Tuesday 7th June**. Children should come to school dressed to be outside for most of the day, in old clothes and trainers or other similar footwear. Please send a waterproof jacket and/or apply sun cream to your child on these days depending on the weather forecast.

The after school club will run as usual until 4.15pm.

Queen's 90th Birthday Event

The Queen is 90! This village event will be held on Saturday 11th June 2016 from 1pm- 4.30pm at the school, the village hall and St Peter's Church. There will be afternoon teas and other refreshments, food trade stalls, plant stall, Humshaugh First School and Playing Field Trust stalls, singing from the school choir and lots of fun and games to entertain including a dog show! Louise has requested that donations of bottles and games be brought into school and placed in the store room next to Mrs Rowcroft's office. Thank you. There will be a Scarecrow Trail and best dressed house/garden- details available from The George Hotel.



Raffle tickets You will have received a pack of raffle tickets to sell to friends and family if possible. Any sold or unsold tickets/stubs are to be returned to school by Thursday 9th June. Thank you for your support with this.

Competitions

*Design a crown for a teddy

*Write a poem about the Queen

If you would like to enter either of these competitions, please place your finished entry in St.Peter's Church by Saturday 11th June.

Outdoor learning environment



Thanks to a generous donation from The Evans Trust, the outdoor area has been developed for children in EYFS. Thanks to Alison Smith and Mrs Blythe for re-organising this space and purchasing new equipment for our younger children. Our next priority for improvement is the yard for older children. Thanks to Mr Davison for weeding the planters. Mrs Carney will be growing fruit and vegetables with Class 1 after May half term as part of the Science curriculum. Any funds raised at the Summer Fair will be spent on developing the outdoor area for our older children.

Parent questionnaires

Thank you to those parents who have returned the parent questionnaires. Please return your questionnaire to school today so we can analyse your responses and act upon your suggestions for improving our school. All ideas are gratefully received.

Year 1 phonics testing

Children in Year 1 will have the annual phonics test on Tuesday 14th June, Wednesday 15th or Thursday 16th June. Mrs Blythe has been working hard to prepare the children for this phonics test, so there is nothing for them to worry about.

Morning routines

Please remember to arrive promptly to school in the morning. The bell is rung for school to start at 8.50am. Parents should leave their children in the playground where they will be escorted into school by Mrs Phillips. Thank you.

PE this term

We will be doing PE outside in the Summer term, so please make sure your child has sandshoes with velcro fastening or trainers that he/she can fasten independently. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform. Thank you.

Water bottles and sun cream

Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle each day. It is really important that your child stays hydrated in the warmer weather. Sun cream should be applied to your child before he/she comes to school and this will provide protection for the day.

Reading Challenge-Forms are in book bags today

To encourage children to read more regularly out of school, we will be hosting a mini reading challenge over the May half term holiday. Any child who reads 10 times over the holiday will get a certificate and a small reward. The recommended time for a child to read or listen to stories each day is 15 minutes for children in EYFS, 20 minutes for KS1 children and 25-30 minutes for children in lower KS2. This can be school reading books, magazines, comics, newspapers or any other form of reading. A parent or carer should sign, date and record how long the child has read, making a comment about what he/she particularly liked.

Fathers' Day Gift Shop-Thursday 16th June 3.00pm

Look out for an envelope in book bags with more details.

Other dates for your diary.

Monday 6th June: Return to school for second half of Summer term.

Tuesday 7th June: Wild About Adventure Day

Saturday 11th June: Queen's 90th Birthday, 1-4.30pm at Humshaugh First School, the Village Hall and St Peter's Church.

Wednesday 22nd June: Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral for pupils in Year 4.

Monday 27th June: Swimming Gala-Wentworth Leisure centre –morning (details to follow)

Wednesday 29th June: Sports Day at 1.30-3pm. Please note, this date has changed.

Thursday 30th June: Hexham Partnership Sports Festival for Class 2 pupils at Wentworth Leisure Centre.

Wednesday 6th July: 'Pirates v Mermaids' Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 7th July: 'Pirates v Mermaids' at 9.15am and 6.30pm

Monday 11th-Wednesday 13th July: Broomley Grange for Y4 pupils

Tuesday 19th July: Leavers Service at 9.15am for Y4 pupils and break up for Summer holidays!

Kind regards, Cath Newson (Headteacher)

