



Friday 26th March 2021 (4 PAGES)

I can't believe it is the end of term already. The last three weeks have flown by. The staff and I are so happy to have all the children back in school. We hope you have a very Happy Easter and enjoy a relaxing and peaceful time with your families. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 12th April for a 'fun filled, action packed' summer term.

WEEKLY AWARDS

Well done to our superstars Sophie and Lucy and our Handwriting Heroes Evie, Tobias, Kate and Arthur B. Congratulations to Teddy for receiving the Kindness Award, Felix for the Perseverance Award and Jacob for the Helping Hand Award.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FOR REV. STEVE

We held a very special Collective Worship at School yesterday dedicated to our wonderful friend Revd. Steve Wilkinson. The children sang some of Revd. Steve's favourite hymns – including "My Lighthouse" – and Year 4 read some of his favourite verses from the Bible. The children in Class 3 composed a wonderful prayer, and the Reverend Sarah Lunn reminded us of favourite memories of Steve - aided by lovely comments from the children, before finishing with a blessing. The carved peace bench that will be a permanent memorial to Revd. Steve was unveiled and moved to under the willow arch in the playground, which was adorned with hearts – each one signed by a child or member of staff. Steve was an inspirational leader and a wonderful man, and his spirit lives on in our School and in the smiles on the faces of our children.



The Press Officer from the Diocese took some photographs and a video which can be accessed via the links below.

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ncldiocese>

Photos are also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NclDiocese/>

Website: www.newcastle.anglican.org

CLASS 3 PRAYER FOR REV. STEVE

Dear Revd. Steve.

Thank you for being our lighthouse, shining your light so we can see through the darkness of sadness.

Thank you for being so lovely, friendly and kind.

Thank you for the fun times at Messy Church.

Thank you for being kind to us when we were sad.

Thank you for everything you did for us.

Thank you for being there for us.

We miss you Revd. Steve and think about you all the time.

We miss your happy laugh and your big smile.

Hope you have a good happy life in Heaven.

You are Peace and Love.

Amen

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

After Easter, class teachers will contact parents to arrange a Google Meet Parent consultation. The initial appointments will be with parents of children who were at home for the whole of Lockdown. The subsequent appointments will be with parents of children who were either in school for the duration of Lockdown or a mixture of home and school.

The consultations will mainly focus on emotional well-being and any areas of academic concern that parents can assist with at home e.g. reading, phonics or number work.

HUMSHAUGH VILLAGE SHOP-EASTER WINDOW COMPETITION

The Humshaugh Village shop is running an Easter window competition - How many Easter bunnies can you spot? There are entry forms for children up to 12 years of age in the shop with the prize, an Easter egg, being drawn after the shop closes on Saturday 3rd April.

MESSY CHURCH BAGS



The children received a fabulous Messy Church bag this week. Thank you again to the wonderful volunteers from our three local parishes who contributed to making and distributing the bags to the local schools.

CLUBS (Y1-4)

Sports club Mondays- 3.05pm-4.15pm (Resumes Monday 12th April)

Cookery club Starts on Wednesday 14th April-3.05pm-4.15pm

Zumba Dance club Thursdays- 3.05pm-4.15pm (Resumes Thursday 15th April)

RARING TO GO



Due to the ongoing restrictions, the magazine is still digital for Spring.

The Spring issue includes useful information for local families including ideas for the Easter holidays, details of clubs and classes, indoor and outdoor activities, crafts, recipes and more - you can read it here: <http://bit.ly/Raring2goSpringNorthumberland>

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their outdoor PE kits in school for Monday 12th April.

ROUTINES

- Doors open at 8.50am every morning. Please arrive promptly so the children can get on with learning as soon as possible.
- **Home time collection-3.05pm (Clubs 4.15pm)-PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD/REN.**
- Parents should follow social distancing guidelines and avoid congregating in the yard or at the front of the school when dropping off or picking up their child(ren).
- Thank you for not bringing dogs onto the premises at drop off or home time.
- **PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN DO NOT USE THE PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE YARD AT HOME TIME, PARTICULARLY THE BIKES AND BIG TOYS.**

UNIFORM

Please ensure that ALL items of clothing and uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We now have very smart Humshaugh First School red hoodies available on www.schooltrends.co.uk

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the children in Years 1 and 4 who achieved 100% attendance this week.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	98%
YEAR 1	100%
YEAR 2	100%
YEAR 3	97%
YEAR 4	97%

Wishing you a very Happy Easter!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 th March:	Break up for Easter holidays
12 th April:	Summer 1 st term starts
30 th April:	STEM PROJECT-Reception
3 rd May:	BANK HOLIDAY
19 th May:	STEM PROJECT-Class 3
20 th May:	STEM PROJECT-Class 2
26 th May:	Shutterbugz School photographs (Individuals, groups and whole school)
28 th May:	Last day of summer 1 st term
7 th June:	Summer 2 nd term starts
23 rd June:	Puppet workshop Y2-4 –Queens Hall (restrictions permitting)
6 th July:	Transfer Day (more information to follow)
7 th July:	WildAbout Adventure-whole school activity day (restrictions permitting)
12 th & 13 th July:	WildAbout Adventure days Y3-4 (Off site-restrictions permitting)
16 th July:	Leaver Service/Last day of term