



### 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 Newsletter

#### **Ofsted feedback**

As you are probably aware, Newbrough Primary School were inspected by Ofsted last week. As part of the inspection, the Lead Inspector was in the playground from 8.40am to check that children were arriving at school on time. On Friday, eleven children arrived at Humshaugh First School after the bell, which rings at **8.50am**. If you arrive later than 8.55am the back door will be locked and your child will receive a late mark. Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives at school in good time. Thank you.

#### **Parent feedback questionnaires**

Thank you to all parents who returned the questionnaires. We have had a very positive response, as summarised in the table below. Results are based on 17 returned questionnaires and percentages rounded to the nearest whole number. One of the main changes since last year's questionnaire is the introduction of Parentmail, which was requested by some parents. The governors will analyse these responses, to see how we can further improve our school.

	<i>Please tick</i>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
1	My child likes school.	65	23		6	6
2	My child is making good progress.	53	47			
3	Children behave well in school.	65	35			
4	My child is safe at school.	88	12			
5	Teaching is good.	82	18			
6	I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on.	47	53			
7	I feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question, problem or complaint.	82	18			
8	Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best.	94	6			
9	The school is well led and managed.	94	6			
10	Staff treat my child fairly.	88	12			
11	The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns.	76	24			
12	Staff explain how I can help my child at home/ the school provides appropriate homework.	63	37			
13	Staff encourage my child to become mature and	82	18			

	independent.					
14	There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable.	41	59			
15	My child's learning is enriched by outside visits or visitors to school.	18	82			
16	The arrangements for my son or daughter to settle in when he or she started school were good.	64	35			
17	The Christian ethos of this school is evident.	53	47			
18	My child is given the opportunity to develop spiritually, morally, socially and culturally.	35	65			

### **Health and Safety Day**

A Health and Safety Day has been arranged at Newbrough Primary School on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Children will take part in five workshops in year groups throughout the day. The themes for these will be: Healthy Eating, Road Safety, Healthy Exercise, Say no to Bullying and Keeping Safe on the Internet. At 3.30pm Mrs Jones (Computing Co-ordinator at Newbrough) will lead a workshop for parents about how to keep children safe online. This will be held at Newbrough Primary School and a crèche will be provided. Children will return to school for 3pm and parents will need to make their own way to this. A contribution of £1 per child is requested towards the cost of transport.

### **Bags 2 School**

Your child should now have brought home a bag for you to have a good clear out of old clothing over half term. These will be collected on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9am and all money raised will go towards the PTA funds. Thank you to Katherine Collier for organising this collection.

### **Reading in Reception**

Children in Reception are making very good progress with their reading. Mrs Blythe would like to thank all parents who read with their children every day. Research proves that even 10 minutes quality time spent sharing a book can have a huge impact on pupils' attainment. Keep it up!

### **Mothers' Day, 15<sup>th</sup> March**

The Friends of Humshaugh First School have decided to set up a Mothers' Day stall in the library on Thursday and Friday before Mothers' Day weekend. All gifts will be wrapped and cost £2.

### **Other dates for your diary.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Children break up for half term.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** Outdoor Adventure day with Pinpoint Adventure. Details to follow.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Mother's Day Service at St Peter's Church, Humshaugh, 9.30am. All children welcome.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April:** Pub Quiz in the Crown in aid of Humshaugh First School.

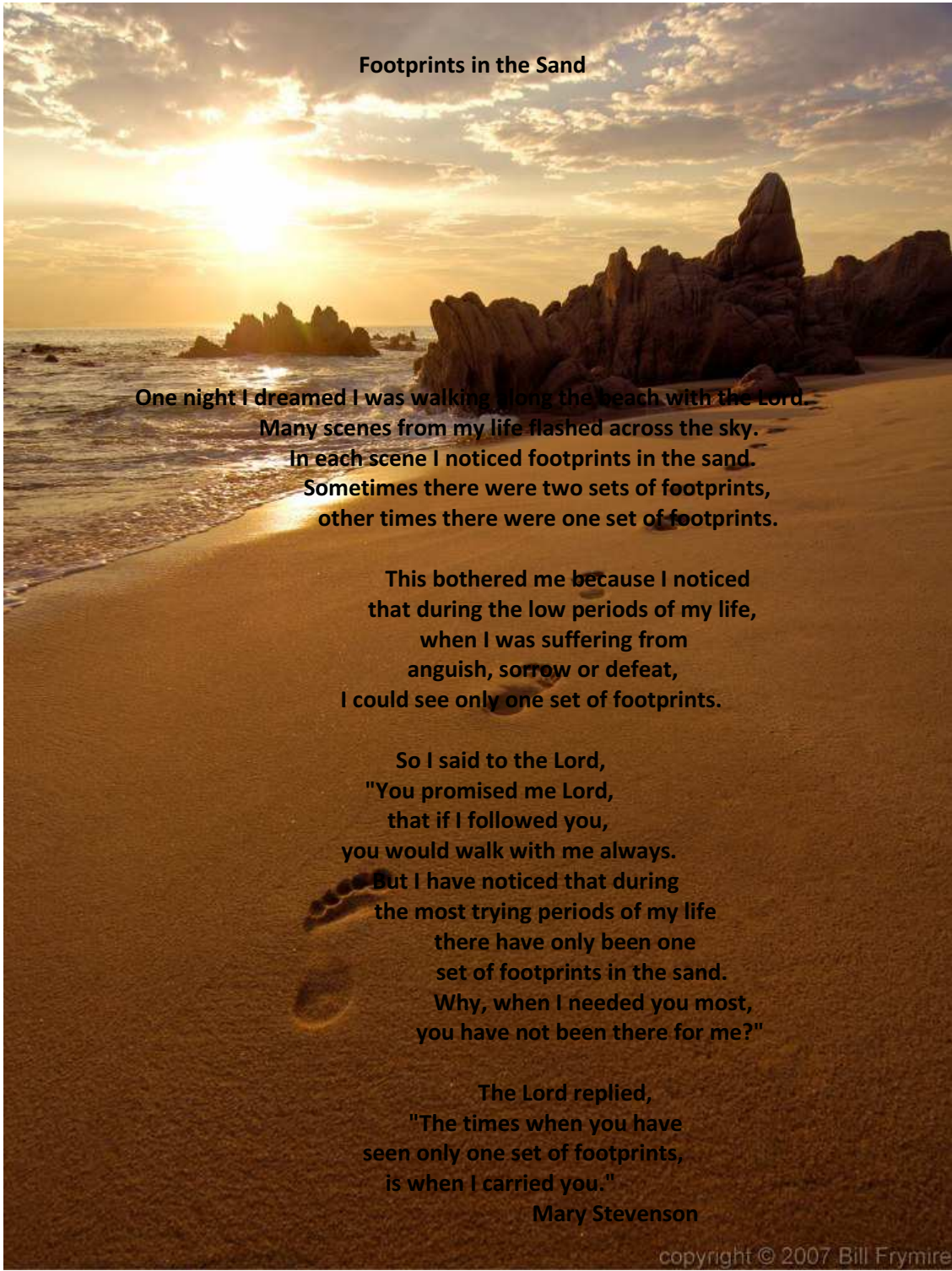
Kind regards,

Cath Newson (Headteacher)

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I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to travel to Newbrough Primary School on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 for health and Safety Day. Signed \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a contribution of £1 per child towards transport costs.



## Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.  
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.  
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.  
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,  
other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed  
that during the low periods of my life,  
when I was suffering from  
anguish, sorrow or defeat,  
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,  
"You promised me Lord,  
that if I followed you,  
you would walk with me always.  
But I have noticed that during  
the most trying periods of my life  
there have only been one  
set of footprints in the sand.  
Why, when I needed you most,  
you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied,  
"The times when you have  
seen only one set of footprints,  
is when I carried you."

Mary Stevenson