

Friday 15th January 2021 (3 pages)

THANK YOU

First of all I would like to say a massive thank you to all parents for being so patient and understanding during this incredibly challenging few weeks.

Thank you to all the pupils for coping amazingly well with the ever changing situation. Their positive attitude and resilience is both inspiring and a credit to you.

Thank you to our wonderful teachers and support staff who have shown such commitment and dedication throughout this crisis even though they have their own personal circumstances to contend with.

Thanks must also go to our fabulous Governors who are always there to support the school in everything that we do.

WELL DONE

Well done to all pupils both at home and in school who have made a tremendous start to their remote education.

From next week, some pupils will be attending on a part-time basis so please ensure that those pupils bring their learning packs to school every day that they are in.

We want to make sure that children feel incentivised to complete their activities, so we have ordered some 'well done' postcards to send to home learners. Children in Years 1 to 4 will receive a Team point grid to fill in for the duration of the Lockdown. You can award your child/ren points for great effort etc. We will organise prizes to give out when school opens fully again.

HEALTHY SNACK

If your child is attending school, **please provide a healthy snack** for morning playtime as the fruit scheme is not operational during Lockdown.

DEVICES FOR REMOTE LEARNING

If at any point, your child/ren do not have access to a device such as a laptop, ipad or tablet, please let me know. Mobile phone screens are not really suitable for children to use. We will do our very best to provide you with a device if you need one.

LIVE SESSION POLICY AND CODE OF CONDUCT

All parents should have received an email with a 'Live session' policy and Code of Conduct.

PLEASE READ BOTH DOCUMENTS AND EMAIL ME BY THE END OF TODAY TO CONFIRM YOUR CONSENT TO USE GOOGLE MEET.

PARENTZONE-INTERNET SAFETY

Please take a look at the free family resources from The Be Internet Legends programme by visiting parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendsfamilyadventure

EXTRA JUMPER

Following a mandatory check on our wall mounted fan heaters, we have been advised to ensure that at least one window remains open at all times in the classrooms and hall. Your child may bring an extra jumper to wear in class if they wish.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have returned their PE kits in school for Monday 18th January 2021 if they are attending school on that day.

UNIFORM

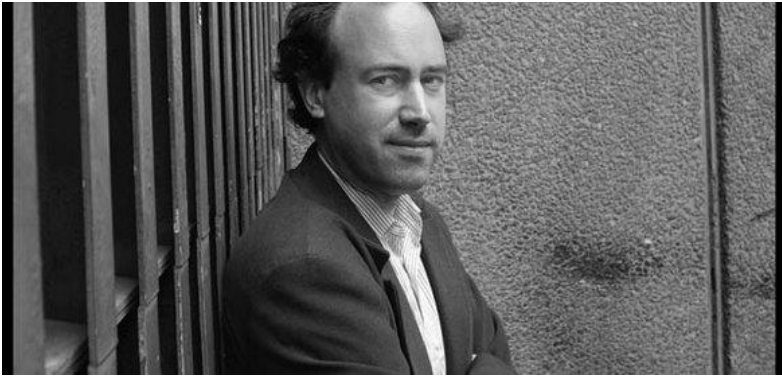
Please ensure that ALL items of clothing and uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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

NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST

https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/?mc_cid=42bb0d8bd6&mc_eid=7bddae09e9

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.



AUTHOR OF THE WEEK: Josh Lacey

Read Hope Jones Saves the World for free, watch an exclusive video with Josh and discover his recommended reads.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 th February:	Last day of term
12 th February:	Teacher day
22 nd February:	Spring 2 nd term starts

COVID GUIDELINES-SEE NEXT PAGE

COVID GUIDELINES

Please ensure you are following the government guidelines to help protect your children, families and our staff and their families. We know that there have been a number of positive cases in the village recently so everyone should be doing their part to reduce transmission.

Can I remind you that the children are always eager to tell us what they have been doing out of school and a number of children have shared with staff that they have been mixing with other families and having sleepovers and meeting indoors.

Please try to keep your contact to a minimum and please be mindful of the risk that our teachers and support staff are taking to keep school open.


















CORONAVIRUS TIER 4

STAY AT HOME

gov.uk/coronavirus

Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms so will be spreading the virus without realising. We must all take action to protect each other and our hospital capacity.

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY 	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS 	RETAIL 	WORK AND BUSINESS 
No household mixing, aside from support bubbles and two people meeting in public outdoor spaces.	Hospitality closed, aside from sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.	Essential shops can open. Non-essential retail must close and can only open for click-and-collect and delivery.	Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.
EDUCATION 	INDOOR LEISURE 	ACCOMMODATION 	PERSONAL CARE 
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open during term time. Registered childcare, other supervised activities for childcare purposes, and childcare bubbles permitted	Closed.	Closed (with limited exceptions)	Closed.
OVERNIGHT STAYS 	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 	ENTERTAINMENT 	PLACES OF WORSHIP 
You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply.	Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events can continue in a group of up to six. Weddings of up to six can continue in exceptional circumstances.	Indoor entertainment closed. Some outdoor attractions may remain open.	Open for private prayer and communal worship, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING 	EXERCISE 	RESIDENTIAL CARE 	CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE
You must stay at home and only travel for work, education or other legally permitted reasons. If you must travel, you should stay local, and reduce the number of journeys you make. You must not leave a Tier 4 area or stay overnight away from home. Residents in Tiers 1 - 3 should not enter Tier 4 areas. Do not travel abroad if you live in a Tier 4 area unless an exemption applies.	You can leave your home to exercise by yourself, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household. Outdoor sport allowed but gatherings limit applies except for youth and disabled sport.	You can visit relatives in care homes with COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits.	The Clinically Extremely Vulnerable are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend health appointments.