



Friday 8th November 2019

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the children in Years 2, 3 and 4 who achieved 100% attendance this week. They will take turns to look after the Attendance Cup for the week. Great Attendance across the year groups this week-well done!

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	98%
YEAR 1	76%
YEAR 2	100%
YEAR 3	100%
YEAR 4	100%

YEAR 4 RESPONSIBILITIES

We are delighted that our Year 4 children are now Sports and Digital Leaders and Buddies. They will proudly wear their badges every day and develop their roles and responsibilities through the year. Well done to them all.



HUMSHAUGH COMMUNITY SHOP

Wishing the Humshaugh Community Shop a very Happy 10th Birthday. We were asked to decorate some birthday bunting by Alison Scott and she kindly sent us some photos of the shop display.



SWIMMING

The cost for swimming for this half term is £21.00. Please access your Parentpay account to pay if you haven't already.

FIREWORK NIGHT

Thank you to the Playing Field Trust for another super event which was attended by about 500 people. We hope you enjoyed it.

TOYS IN SCHOOL

There have been an increasing number of large toys being brought into school. Children may bring in a pocket sized toy if they wish, however they must take full responsibility for it and keep it in their tray during lesson times. We would appreciate your help with this matter.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Shutterbugz Photography will be in school on **Wednesday 20th November** to take individual and family photographs of all children. If your child does not attend the Early Years Unit on a Wednesday, you are still welcome to come in for a photograph at 9.00am. Likewise, if you would like your school age child to have a photograph with a much younger sibling who is not in the Early Years Unit or School, please arrive at 9.00am. If all siblings are in school, they will automatically have a family photograph during the morning.

***AFTER SCHOOL CLUB REMINDERS* NO SPORTS CLUB ON MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A reminder that once again this year, through a campaign called **Operation Christmas Child**, run by the UK charity **Samaritan's Purse**, Humshaugh First School is joining with thousands of other schools up and down the country in wrapping, packing and sending shoeboxes full of gifts – things like **tooth brushes, soap, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, books, toys or games** - to needy children around the world. (Please see their website for more information about suitable/unsuitable items, as due to new customs regulations certain items are no longer allowed).

Through this campaign, we want to teach our children about **generosity and compassion for others**, and to make them aware of the fact that there are children elsewhere in the world who have nothing, and give them the opportunity to do something practical, yet so simple, that can make such a difference to those less fortunate. We are asking each child, if possible, to bring in to school **one item from the list** which would be a suitable gift for a child in either the **2-4, 5-9 or 10-14** age categories, to add to their **class shoeboxes**. Members of the School Council will be filling and wrapping the shoeboxes and we would like to send them off on **Friday 15th November** in order to meet delivery deadlines. If your family would like to make up their own box to send, instead of contributing to the class box, we would welcome these too.

Should you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, or Samaritan's Purse, please visit:

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk . Please note that this is an **entirely voluntary contribution** – there is, of course, absolutely no obligation if for any reason you do not wish to take part.

MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

*A Big 'Thank You' to the organisers and the supporters at the Bonfire Night celebration - we raised a fantastic £153!

*Tuck Shop today - 3:05pm at the hatch-tickets for the Christmas Disco on Friday 13th December will be on sale soon.

*We are looking for raffle prizes - anyone who can make a donation please get in touch.

Dates for your diary

Monday 11th November:	Remembrance Service-St. Peter's Church 9.30am (All welcome) NO SPORTS CLUB
Wednesday 13th November:	Friends from the Village
Friday 15th November:	Children in Need-Wear something spotty (or colourful) Donations welcome.
Wednesday 20th November:	Shutterbugz Photography
Tuesday 3rd December:	LAST MESSY CHURCH
Thursday 5th December:	LAST ZUMBA
Wednesday 11th December:	Christmas show 'It's Chriiiiistmas!' 9.15am and 5.30pm
Thursday 12th December:	Christmas Lunch
Friday 13th December:	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (Please wear a festive top and bring a £1 donation) Friends Christmas Disco 5.30-6.30pm
Monday 16th December:	1.00pm 'The Three Bears'-Queens Hall (N/R)
Tuesday 17th December:	10.00am 'A Viking Christmas'-Queens Hall (Y1-4)
Thursday 19th December:	Christmas Party p.m.
Friday 20th December:	Break for Christmas
Monday 6th January:	Teacher Day
Tuesday 7th January:	Spring 1 st term starts

