



Friday 2nd September 2022

NEW STARTERS

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone and especially our new starters in Reception: Hugo, Laurie, Alice, Charlotte, Mollie and Ella. Also, we look forward to saying a big hello and welcome to Solomiia, Milada, Samson, Hollie and Erin in Classes 2 and 3.

We will welcome a new part-time teacher Miss Powell who will work across the school but mainly in EYFS.

SCHOOL DAY

Just a reminder that the school day will now begin at **8.45am and end at 3.15pm.**

Breakfast Club will run between 8.00-8.45am

After School Clubs will run between 3.15pm-4.30pm.

There is a new option for a late pick up at 5.00pm for working parents by arrangement with Mrs Long. **This is being trialled for the first half term.**

BREAKFAST CLUB

Mrs Phillips and her team continue to run Breakfast club every morning from 8.00-8.45am. Please contact Mrs Clark in the office if you have not already indicated that your child will require a place.

LETTER CHECK

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BOOK BAG ON THE FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR THE FOLLOWING LETTERS THAT NEED TO BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER.

- Website/Photographs permission (updated)
- Going Home Arrangements
- Data Collection
- e-safety agreement
- Local visits and trips permission
- Swimming permission (Y2-4)
- Clubs permission
- Term dates

Further information about the following will be emailed by Mrs Clark at the beginning of term.

- Free School meals
- Breakfast club
- Fruit scheme
- Milk

NEW AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP

We are delighted to confirm that school are the proud owners of a new Air Source Heat Pump. The oil tank has gone and we are now a greener and more energy efficient school. Thank you to everyone involved but particularly our wonderful Chair of Governors Herbie Newell who had the vision and worked tirelessly to secure funding for this amazing project.

HEALTHY SNACK

The School Fruit Scheme will begin again shortly for children in EYFS and Year 1 and 2 only. If you are able, please provide a healthy snack for your child to eat during morning playtime if they are not in EYFS or Year 1 or 2.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on Monday 12th September.

We have a new PE Service Provider - Newcastle United Foundation and we are looking forward to meeting our new coach. **PE will continue to take place on a Monday afternoon followed by a Sports Club.**

We will be doing PE outside in the Autumn term (weather permitting), so please make sure your child has a suitable PE kit in school and trainers that he/she can fasten independently.

PE kits will be sent home each holiday to be washed and returned to school. Due to limited space, please ensure bags are the drawstring type rather than large rucksacks.

If your child will be attending Sports Club, they will go home in their PE kits which will need to be returned to school in time for the next lesson.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will start again this **FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER** and will be led by Miss Osborne and Mrs Phillips, with support from our amazing team of volunteers.

On Fridays, children in **YEARS 1 to 4** will need to wear practical outdoor trousers/leggings rather than ordinary school uniform. **We still would like children to wear their Humshaugh First School sweatshirt or cardigan.**

If possible, please provide your child with a clearly labelled pair of wellies, waterproof coat and trousers that can be kept at school OR brought in and returned home every Friday.

If anybody has difficulty providing these please let us know. We do have a certain amount of school waterproof trousers and wellies if needed.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are always very lucky that people offer their valuable time to volunteer in school.

We really need volunteers to help with Swimming on a Wednesday and Forest School on a Friday.

If you think you could spare the time to help out with either activity then please let Mrs Long know asap and she can give you more information about the timings and organise a DBS check.

ILLNESS

We understand that parents may be wary of sending children into school who are displaying cold/flu like symptoms. Please ring school if you need support to make a decision about whether your child should attend. In the coming months, coughs and snotty noses will be a regular occurrence but not necessarily symptoms for Covid-19.

We would prefer that your child have a dose of paracetamol and come into school unless they have a high temperature. There are regular handwashing and sanitising points through the day and tissues in every room. If staff are concerned that a child is unwell in school, parents will be contacted for the child to be collected.

SWIMMING

The children in **Years 2, 3 and 4** will be swimming from Wednesday 14th September every week, until the end of the academic year. The consent letter and information will be sent out on the first day of term. Payment will be set up on Parent Pay.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Children who travel on the taxi will be escorted to the front door by the driver. A Breakfast club member of staff will be there to greet the children at whatever time they arrive and the children can join Breakfast club until school starts.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (Nursery-Year 4)

Sports club starts on:	Monday 12 th September	3.15pm-4.30pm
Dance club starts on:	Tuesday 13 th September	3.15pm-4.30pm
Football/Yoga club start on:	Wednesday 14 th September	3.15pm-4.30pm
Zumba Dance club starts on:	Thursday 15 th September	3.15pm-4.30pm

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD/REN AT THE FRONT DOOR

We have opened clubs up to children in Nursery and Reception, however before you decide, please be mindful that it will be a very long day for very young children if they stay at school until 4.30pm.

HARVEST SHOW-HUMSHAUGH VILLAGE HALL

The Humshaugh Harvest Show will take place on Saturday 10th September. All children will be entered into the Handwriting competition. A leaflet was emailed out last week.

BIRTHDAY CAKES

Due to an increase in the number pupils with dietary needs, we are requesting that parents DO NOT send birthday cakes into school. If you would like to mark your child's birthday with a treat, then please send in a small bag of sweets for each child in their class to be handed out at the end of the day. This is completely optional of course.

UNIFORM

All children are expected to wear full school uniform as outlined in the school brochure (see website). Uniform with the Logo is available at www.schooltrends.co.uk. **However, logos are not compulsory and plain red sweatshirts/cardigans are available at local supermarkets.** Book bags are also available to purchase via the school trends website.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

We also have a uniform swap system which will be available from the first day of term. Our stock is quite low at the moment so if you have jumpers or cardigans that are in good condition that your child has outgrown, then please pop them into the school office.

STAY AND PLAY

Stay and Play will start again on **Tuesday 20th September 9.30-11.00am** in the school hall. Please speak to Jean Newton if you are interested in attending.

PIANO LESSONS

For those children who have signed up to have piano lessons with Clair Caris, they are due to resume on Friday 16th September.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE/COMMUNICATION

I will send a weekly newsletter to parents with regular updates, news, diary dates and photographs. We will hold Parent Consultations towards the end of this half term. Letters will be sent out in advance.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please either send them an email directly or ring the school office and they will aim to return your call as soon as possible.

Class 1 (Nursery/Reception) -Mrs Wilkinson

email: melanie.wilkinson@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)-Mrs Blythe

email: karen.blythe@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)-Mrs Long

email: jude.long@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

For queries regarding Parent pay, Nursery funding or sessions, clubs, milk, Breakfast club and school dinner, please email our Office Manager Mrs Clark.

email: admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

Monday 5 th September:	Teacher Day
Tuesday 6 th September:	Teacher Day
Wednesday 7 th September:	School starts-Autumn 1
Friday 9 th September:	Forest School starts
Saturday 10 th September:	Humshaugh Harvest Show
Monday 12 th September:	PE/Sports Club start
Tuesday 13 th September:	Dance Club starts
Wednesday 14 th September:	Swimming (Y2-4) starts Football/Yoga Club starts
Thursday 16 th September:	Zumba Club starts
Thursday 22 nd September:	Class 3 trip to the Great North Museum-more information to follow
W/C 3 rd /10 th October	Parent meetings-more information to follow
Thursday 20 th October:	Last day of term
Friday 21 st October:	Teacher Day
Monday 31 st October	Autumn 2 starts
Friday 23 rd December:	Break up for Christmas
Monday 9 th January 2023:	Spring 1 starts