



Friday 28th May 2021 (5 PAGES)

The last week of this half term has been jam packed with lots of fun activities including Problem solving sessions, STEM projects and rehearsals. We can't believe that there are only six weeks left of this year. We are determined to fill those six weeks with as much as possible (restrictions permitting). As soon as we have further guidance, we will inform you of our plans for our summer production. Wishing you a super half term break-we hope you enjoy the sunshine!

WEEKLY AWARDS

The children in Years 1 to 4 all received a certificate this week for a 'brilliant effort' throughout this half term. We are so proud of our pupils' enthusiasm, motivation, positive attitude, resilience, perseverance and compassion. They are an absolute credit to parents and we feel very privileged to teach them.



In Early Years, Isla W and Archie are super stars for 'working hard' and Charlie S and Everly are the Handwriting Heroes for trying really hard with their writing-well done!

COOKERY CLUB

It was the final Cookery club session for Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday and the children created a '5 Star' restaurant for staff and volunteers, with menus, tablecloths, fancy napkins and fruity cocktails. The restaurant guests were treated to Chicken Fried Rice followed by Chocolate Dipped Strawberries. There was ambient music and a fabulous Cabaret courtesy of Izic, Callum, William and Tobias. The reviews were outstanding and we must say a massive thank you to Mrs Dodd, Miska, Suzanne and Alison for all their help and support in providing a fantastic opportunity for our Year 3 and 4 children.



After half term, it is the turn of the **Year 2** pupils to travel around the world at Cookery club. The first session will be on Wednesday 9th June between 3.05-4.15pm.

PROBLEM SOLVING-CLASS 3

The children in Class 3 enjoyed some problem solving on Monday with Mrs Alderslade. They worked in small teams to break the human chain and move all their team over a variety of obstacles, sometimes even blindfolded!



CLASS 2 STEM PROJECT

Thank you again to Kev Dodd, Herbie Newell and Sarah Dodd for organising our second STEM project for Class 2 on Thursday. With additional support from Mrs Carney and Mrs Porteus, the children made shoe box cars for their favourite toy. All children took part in a friendly competition to test their cars for distance travelled, closest to hitting a target and design.

Well done to all our winners: Felix, Arthur B, Jacob, Alfie, Arthur D, Katlyn and Jack. All children received a sticker.



There is one more STEM project planned for Class 3 on Wednesday 9th June.

MESSAGE FROM THE HUMSHAUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE (Diana Linnett)

*I'm sure that you, like me, are looking forward to the day when we can once again meet up with others! To celebrate this special day, the Village Hall Committee is planning to have a Sunday Afternoon Tea Party where folk can meet and catch up after over a year of staying home for much of the time. We will of course adhere to any restrictions that are in place and for that reason cannot yet say that we have a fixed date for this event. However, we hope that we will be able to do it on **Sunday July 4th between 2 and 4.30 p.m.***

Various community groups and hall users will have a 'stand' in order to remind people of all the activities that are on offer in our lovely village. This will also give newcomers to the village (and yes, there have been some even in the time of Covid) an opportunity to find out more about the things that take place in 'normal times'.

This is a free event with tea, cakes and coffee available as well as any produce etc that any group wishes to sell to raise funds. We hope that some of the children from Humshaugh First School will be able to entertain us with a few songs!

Some classes have already started in the hall and we are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to our lovely refurbished village hall.

AFTER HALF TERM, I WILL BE ASKING IF CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 TO 4 ARE AVAILABLE TO SING A FEW SONGS FROM OUR SUMMER PRODUCTION AT ABOUT 2.30PM ON SUNDAY 4TH JULY.

MESSAGE FROM HEXHAM ABBEY

ON ANGEL WINGS-HEXHAM ABBEY EVENT

INVITATION TO 'ON ANGEL WINGS'

As part of a Cultural Recovery Fund grant, Hexham Abbey has received funding to enable us to host a reopening event. We will coincide this with a town-wide event taking place in Hexham on 26th June. The Abbey's event will be an aerial installation of origami angels placed above the Choirstalls in the Abbey. The angels will symbolise those whose lives have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This may involve remembering lives lost in the last year or celebrating those who have helped others. It could be an NHS professional who has stood out to you, a key worker or any individual or group who has helped in any way during the recent challenging times.

We would love to involve members of the community in this project; individuals, local schools and groups are being contacted to make angels and write names of those they wish to remember on the wings. The angels will be elevated in the Abbey and the installation will be available to view during Abbey opening hours from 26th June.

If you know someone who might like to make and dedicate an angel, we will be hosting workshops in the Abbey on the following days:

Monday 31st May, 3pm-5.30pm

Tuesday 1st June, 11am-2pm

Wednesday 2nd June, 11am-2pm

Thursday 3rd June, 11am-2pm

Everyone is most welcome to attend and all materials will be provided. These will be drop-in events, where Abbey staff and volunteers will show you how to make an angel. **Children must be supervised by a parent or carer at all times.** If you would like to take part, but are unable to attend on these dates, please get in touch and we can provide details of how to make your angel at home.

The workshops are free but we will be collecting donations on behalf of two local charities. These will be shared equally between the Great North Air Ambulance and Tynedale Hospice at Home. We look forward to welcoming you to the Abbey.



ROUTINES

- Doors open at 8.50am every morning. Please arrive promptly so the children can get on with learning as soon as possible. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD/REN STAND WITH YOU WHILE WAITING TO ENTER SCHOOL.**
- **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 EITHER BEFORE SCHOOL OR AT HOME TIME, PARTICULARLY THE BIKES AND BIG TOYS.**

CLUBS (All clubs will resume after half term-see below)

Sports club (Y1-4) Mondays- 3.05pm-4.15pm

Cookery club (Y2) Wednesdays-3.05pm-4.15pm

Zumba Dance club (Y1-4) Thursdays- 3.05pm-4.15pm

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their outdoor PE kits in school for Monday 7th June.

STAY AND PLAY



‘Stay and Play’ sessions will resume on Wednesday 9th June between 9.30-11.00am in the school hall. If you have any questions about the sessions or the risk assessments in place, then please speak to Denise Gradwell.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The uniform rack will be placed near the entrance on a regular basis. Please drop any clean, outgrown uniform in good condition to the school office.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM IS LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME OR INITIALS.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Years 2 and 3 for achieving 100% attendance this week.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	93%
YEAR 1	98%
YEAR 2	100%
YEAR 3	100%
YEAR 4	97%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28th May: Last day of summer 1st term

7th June: Summer 2nd term starts (ALL clubs resume this week)

9th June: STEM PROJECT-Class 3

Cookery Club-Y2 only

- 11th June:** Y3 trip to HMS -CANCELLED
- 15th June: Shutterbugz Photographs
- 23rd June: Puppet workshop Y2-4 –Queens Hall (more information to follow)
- 29th June:** SAVE THE DATE-SUMMER PRODUCTION-‘PIRATES V MERMAIDS’
Provisional date ONLY –restrictions permitting-MORE INFORMATION AFTER HALF TERM
9.15am and 5.30pm (Y1-4 must be available for both performances)
- 4th July: Humshaugh Village ‘Welcome Back’ afternoon (Sunday)
- 6th July: Transfer Day –Y4 (more information to follow)
- 7th July: WildAbout Adventure-whole school activity day (restrictions permitting)
- 12th & 13th July: WildAbout Adventure days Y3-4 (Off site-restrictions permitting)
- 16th July: Leaver Service/Last day of term
- 11th Sep: Humshaugh Harvest Show