



Friday 11th September (8 Pages)

ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately, a sickness bug is doing the rounds. We wish everyone a speedy recovery! Well done to everyone who is in the **green!**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	100%
YEAR 1	90%
YEAR 2	95%
YEAR 3	98%
YEAR 4	100%

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Monty and Hugo A; our Handwriting Heroes Artie, Robert, Eliza and Belle. Congratulations also to Mollie for the Helping Hand Award, Logan for the Kindness Award and both Hamish and Ada for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Willow and Joey. Congratulations also to our PE stars Thomas and Laurie and Bridie for receiving the Art award. All children were given a special sticker and a duck to sit on their desk for the week.



READING BEARS

Tuffy and Elvis are really looking forward to going home with Hugo H and Freddie this weekend!



You are very welcome to send Mrs Long a photograph of your child reading with Tuffy or Elvis but please do not feel under any obligation!

CURRICULUM

The children in Class 3 made 'Amazing' Ancient Greek masks in their Art lesson with Miss Osborne.





FRIENDS FROM THE VILLAGE

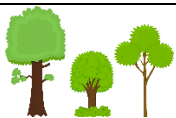
For a number of years, we have provided inter-generational sessions for local pensioners which take place every half term. The sessions are usually on a Thursday morning between 9.00-10.30am. The children in Class 2 and 3 take it in turns to be hosts for our guests. They play board games, enjoy drawing and colouring together and always finish with a fast-paced game of Bingo.

Without doubt, the sessions are easily one of the highlights of school life and both the children and adults benefit hugely from the conversations and interactions that take place.

We would really love to invite grandparents of our pupils to join us for these sessions.

The first one is on **Thursday 15th October at 9.00am**, refreshments are provided.

If you are able to attend, please let either Mrs Long know via email or email Liz Campbell, our co-ordinator at lizeac@hotmail.co.uk-we hope to see you there!



FOREST SCHOOL-CHANGE OF PLAN FOR CLASS 2

Instead of going to Forest School on Friday afternoons, the children in Class 2 will visit the woods on some allocated Tuesday mornings as part of their Science topics Seasonal Changes and Animals. These sessions will be extended and run between 9.30am and lunchtime and parents will be informed which days children need to wear practical clothes, wellies and a waterproof coat.

Class 3 have two more Friday sessions -weather permitting. On a Forest School Friday, please ensure your child/ren comes to school in practical trousers or leggings as well as their usual white polo shirt and red jumper. Please also provide wellies and a waterproof coat.

SCHOOL DAY REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB - every day between **8.00-8.45am**.

IF YOUR CHILD/REN REQUIRE BREAKFAST, PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARRIVE BY 8.20am AT THE LATEST.

WRAPAROUND CLUB -Monday to Thursday only between **3.15-6.00pm**

We have tight ratios and capacity for Wraparound club. We try to be as flexible as possible.

IF YOU REQUEST A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD BUT NO LONGER REQUIRE IT PLEASE INFORM MRS CLARK SO WE CAN OFFER THE PLACE TO SOMEONE ELSE IF THEY NEED IT.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

IF YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING AN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB, PLEASE PROVIDE A HEALTHY SNACK FOR THEM TO EAT AT 3.15pm.

Sports club: Monday-3.15pm-4.30pm (PE Kit) **PLACES AVAILABLE**

Dance club: Tuesday-3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers) **PLACES AVAILABLE**

Zumba club: Thursday-3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers) **FULL-WAITING LIST**

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD/REN PROMPTLY AT THE FRONT DOOR at 4.30pm

SWIMMING

The children had a fantastic first swimming lesson. The teachers assessed everyone and then children were allocated to either the studio pool or the main pool.

REMINDERS

Please provide a pair of goggles for your child/ren.

Please remember to provide a healthy snack for children as they are often very hungry after their lesson and lunch is early.

SCHOOL IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FRUIT FOR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT BRING A SNACK.

THE FREE FRUIT SCHEME IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN IN NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND 2 – we do not receive enough fruit for morning play and after swimming.

PARENTPAY

Please keep up to date with payments on ParentPay. We would rather not have to issue reminders asking parents to clear their outstanding debt.

Debt

Any debt that has built up over the half term **should be cleared before the start of the following term**. General reminders are sent by email to parents if debts exceed £20 per payment item.

****We will reserve the right to remove children from clubs or request packed lunches are provided if parents consistently run up large debts on ParentPay****

PE KITS

Y1-4

PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt and either black shorts or leggings (non-logo).

Children should come to school in their PE kit with their red jumper/hoodie/cardigan.

We will be doing PE outside in the Autumn term (weather permitting), so please make sure your child has a suitable PE kit including trainers and a jumper.

RECEPTION

Children in Reception should still bring their PE kits with them to school on a Monday so they can practise getting changed as part of their Physical Development.

FLU IMMUNISATION-Whole School

The following date has been planned for our school **1.10.26**. Parents of children in Reception to Year 4 have been provided with a link.

ILLNESS

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2026/08/28/a-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year-for-parents-and-carers/>

In the coming months, coughs and snotty noses will be a regular occurrence. We would prefer that your child have a dose of paracetamol and come into school unless they have a high temperature. If staff are concerned that a child is unwell in school, parents will be contacted for the child to be collected. **Please note the guidelines for children with diarrhoea and vomiting state that they should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).**

GENERAL

DATA FORMS

Please return these to school as soon as possible so we can update our records. Parents should check, update, sign and return forms to the office.

HEALTHY SNACK

The School Free Fruit Scheme is only available for children in **Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 2**. If you are able, please provide a **healthy snack** for your child to eat during morning playtime **if they are in Year 3 or 4**.

HARVEST SHOE BOXES

We have decided to just ask for donations of food this year which we will share with the West Northumberland Food Bank. We do not need any boxes at this point.

We will prepare a small gift in school made by the children to deliver to our Friends from the Village.

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. **Logos are not compulsory and plain red sweatshirts / cardigans are available at local supermarkets.**

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

NATIONAL COLLEGE PARENT GUIDES

<https://nationalcollege.com/pages/wake-up-wednesday>

The National College website has an amazing selection of Parent Guides for Online Safety, Mental Health and more. It is free to sign up and contains some very useful information.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE/COMMUNICATION

Mrs Long sends a weekly newsletter to parents with regular updates, news, diary dates and photographs.

We will hold Parent Consultations towards the end of the first half term. Letters will be sent out next week. 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

***PLEASE NOTE THAT MRS CLARK IS NOT IN THE OFFICE ON A FRIDAY SO PLEASE ONLY
EMAIL THE ADMIN ADDRESS SO THAT MRS LONG CAN ACCESS MESSAGES.**

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 15th September:

Tuesday 22nd September:

Thursday 1st October:

Thursday 22nd October:

Friday 23rd October:

Monday 2nd November:

Monday 14th December:

Thursday 17th December:

Friday 18th December:

Monday 4th January 2027:

Friday 12th February:

Monday 22nd February:

Thursday 25th March:

Friday 26th March:

Monday 12th April:

Friday 23rd April:

Monday 3rd May:

Friday 28th May:

Monday 7th June:

Friday 16th July:

NO DANCE OR WRAPAROUND CLUB-3.15pm COLLECTION

Y3/4 Great North Museum (Google form sent out on Thursday)

Flu Immunisation (Reception to Year 4)

Last day of Autumn 1

Teacher Day

Autumn 2 starts

Y1-4 Theatre Trip-A Christmas Carol-Queens Hall 1.00pm

Christmas Party

Last day of Autumn 2 -school closes at 1.00pm

Spring 1 starts

Last day of Spring 1

Spring 2 starts

Last day of Spring 2

Good Friday-Bank Holiday-school closed

Summer 1 starts

Bikeability (Y3/4)

Bank Holiday-school closed

Last day of Summer 1

Summer 2 starts

Last day of Summer 1-break up for the summer holidays

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY



Northumberland Family Hubs

September - October 2026







What's on at Hexham Family Hub

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Bumps to Babies Drop In 09:30-11:30 7th September & 5th October Brilliant Babies 0-6 Months 13:00-14:00 Book Your Place SEND Family Chill Out 15:15-16:30 Fortnightly Starting 7th September Family Chill Out Fortnightly Starting 14th September 15:15-16:30	Stay & Play 0-5 Years 10:00-11:00 1st September (One-off session) Brilliant Babies 6-12 Months 13:00-14:00 Book Your Place 	Stay & Play 0-5 Years 09:30-11:00 	Baby Stay & Play 0-12 Months 10:00-11:00 Weaning Workshop 13:00-14:30 10th September Book Your Place Understanding Behaviour Workshop 13:30-14:30 1st October Book Your Place Fussy Eating Workshop 14:00-15:00 24th September Book Your Place Build a Brain Workshop 13:30-14:30 15th October Book Your Place	Stay & Play 0-5 Years 09:30-10:30 Calm Stay & Play 13:00-14:00 Emergency First Aid for Babies & Children 10:00-12:00 16th October Book Your Place



What is a Family Hub?

Family Hubs are welcoming places where families can access information, support, activities and services for children, young people and parents all in one place



Community & Outreach Sessions

Tuesdays Allendale Stay & Play
10:00-11:00







Hexham Family Hub
Beaufront Ave, Hexham
NE46 1JD



01434601698



Find us on Facebook & Instagram
@WestFamilyHubs



We are looking for volunteers and family panel members. Please contact us for more information

Please get in touch for more information about our groups, sessions & digital offer



SCAN ME

Sign up for a group or session



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Online What's On Guide

Parent Support & Skills

Workshops and discussions helping parents and carers strengthen relationships and support their children's wellbeing.

Togetherness	Free digital programme providing tools to support parents/carers & young people at each developmental stage togetherness.co.uk access code - HADRIAN
Sleep Workshop	Support & guidance available from trained sleep awareness practitioners
Dad Pad	The essential guide for new dads developed with the NHS
Dad Talk	Online workshop for dads, during pregnancy and beyond

Young Peoples offer

Sessions for young people at the family hub

Family Chill Out	An after school drop in for all of the family to come along, get homework completed, stay and play for a while and enjoy fun activities and games. For children aged 5-11 and their families. Younger siblings welcome
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Additional Needs &/or Disabilities

Supportive sessions for children and young people with additional needs, and their families, to connect, relax, and share experiences.

Empowering Parents & Carers Programme	Supportive wellbeing course for parents/carers of children with additional needs and/or disabilities
SEND Family Chill Out	Regular relaxed after school sessions for all of the family. Parents/Carers are required to stay for the session
Calm Stay & Play	Quieter sessions, with no booking required

Early Learning & Play

Fun and engaging sessions helping you support your children's learning and development through everyday activities.

Brilliant Babies	Specially designed supportive groups for families with young babies
Terrific Toddlers	Meet other families with toddlers at these social sessions with topical themes
Early Communicators	For children between 15-36 months who are experiencing some difficulties with their understanding and/or use of language
Stay & Play	Regular fun sessions, with no booking required

Baby Support & Early Parenting

Friendly sessions for new and expectant parents to connect, learn, and explore their baby's growth and development together.

Building a Brain	A bitesize online workshop exploring brain development
Bumps to Babies	Antenatal workshops to prepare for babies arrival, mums, dads, partners and grandparents are welcomed.
Feeding Friends	NHS partner support with breastfeeding and more
Understanding Childrens Behaviour Workshop	Advice on how a child's developmental stage influences behaviour and to recognise how adults can help children regulate their own behaviour
Weaning Workshop	A guide to starting solid foods with your little one
Toilet Training Workshop	Practical advice for parents and carers beginning the toilet training journey
Wellbeing Service	Tailored support for Mums or Dads living in Northumberland who are expecting a baby or have a child under 2 years of age.



Tynedale Hockey Club

JUNIOR HOCKEY

PLAY ★ LEARN ★ MAKE FRIENDS ★ BE PART OF IT

£5
PER
SESSION

Everyone of all abilities
welcomed at Queen Elizabeth
High School



SUNDAYS

9.00 – 10.15am Year 6

10.15 – 11.30am U16/U18 (years 10, 11, 12 & 13)

11.30 – 12.45pm U14 (years 8 & 9)

12.45 – 2.00pm U10s (year 4 & 5) and U8s (year 3s)

FRIDAYS

5.45 – 7.00pm Year 7

please email:
maggiecoombe@gmail.com
to book a space!

