



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (3 PAGES)**

We are so thrilled to have all children back in school this week. The school has been filled with noise and laughter and everyone has had big smiles on their faces! The week has flown by and the children have settled in really well.

The staff and I felt that we should recognise all children’s focus and effort throughout the lockdown period whether they were in school, at home or a mixture of both. All children in Years 1 to 4 received a Lockdown Legend certificate and a skipping rope and bouncy ball for Team points accrued.

The children in EYFS will also receive their prizes in the next week or so from Mrs Wilkinson and the EYFS team. Our usual Superstar, Handwriting Hero, Kindness, Perseverance and Helping Hand awards will resume next week.



**ATTENDANCE**

Well done to the children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 who achieved 100% attendance this week. It was high across the school so very well done!

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

**ACTIVITIES**

The children have been busy with a range of fun activities this week including drama and storytelling in the library, singing, making Mother’s Day cards and having a very energetic boogie at Zumba club.



## FRIENDS OF HUMSHAUGH

Our school is so fortunate to have a fantastic PTA-the Friends of Humshaugh. To recognise the amazing efforts of both staff and pupils over the past year, they kindly organised a very special medal for all children and this morning, the staff were presented with a Lockdown Hero award. We really appreciate this incredibly thoughtful and kind gesture.



## E-SAFETY

A reminder to parents that we have a very useful e-safety section on our website called Parent Info. This is an information service that is continually updated with articles and advice about all the latest games and apps including TikTok, Fortnite, Roblox and WhatsApp. (click on e-safety/Parents)

We are hearing an increasing number of children referring to sites and games that are not necessarily appropriate for their age. Many sites and apps have age limits and strict guidance.

The children learn about e-safety in school but may need support at home to ensure they are accessing age-appropriate and safe sites and games.

When talking to your child about staying safe on the internet, parents should...

- Remain calm and non-judgemental.
- Talk to them about what they would do if they see nasty content and who they would talk to.
- Be curious - where have they seen this content? Can that channel/account be blocked? Ensure you know how to report content.
- Don't treat 'online' different to real life, to children online is real life. In the same way that we would talk about their day at school, their friends etc. we should have regular discussions about what they are doing online and what to do if something is concerning or upsetting.

## PE KITS

Please ensure children have their outdoor PE kits in school for Monday 15<sup>TH</sup> March

## CLUBS (Y1-4)

**Sports club** Mondays- 3.05pm-4.15pm  
**Zumba Dance club** Thursdays- 3.05pm-4.15pm.

Letters were sent out to children in **Years 3 and 4** this week about **Cookery club** which will run for 7 sessions on a Wednesday after Easter. Other year groups will be invited to attend Cookery club later on in the year.

## ROUTINES

- Doors open at 8.50am every morning. Please arrive promptly so the children can get on with learning as soon as possible.
- Hometown collection-3.05pm (Clubs 4.15pm).
- Please can we remind parents to 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).

## UNIFORM

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

We now have very smart Humshaugh First School red hoodies available on [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk)



## DATES

- 19<sup>th</sup> March: Red Nose Day (NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM/RED NOSES)-please bring a small donation if you can.  
25<sup>th</sup> March: Service in school for Revd. Steve (staff and pupils)  
26<sup>th</sup> March: Break up for Easter holidays  
12<sup>th</sup> April: Summer 1<sup>st</sup> term starts

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FOR SUNDAY –we hope you like your cards!**



## COVID-19 UPDATE

To ensure we are keeping school as safe as possible, please can I remind parents to not send their child to school if they or anyone in your household is displaying COVID-19 symptoms. During this time the household should self-isolate for 10 days or until the outcome of a test is received. This would mean siblings would also not attend school.

### Main symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal