



30th September 2016 Newsletter

Harvest soup day

We had a super time for our Harvest Festival. Many thanks to parents, relatives and friends from the community who came to school to enjoy the delicious homemade soup. Thank you also for the many beautiful harvest boxes filled with goodies. Special thanks go to Louise Armatage who created our amazing harvest display and her team of helpers for setting up and serving the soup. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team.

Green Monkey Photographs

We are very excited to be working with Green Monkey Portraits for all our school photos this year. They came to school on Wednesday (with monkey) and delighted the children with their antics, ensuring that our unusual 'globe' school photo is of the highest quality. They have kindly put together a pack that has gone out today with the whole school photo proof, a photograph survey and an example of the packs, prices and sizes they offer.

The planned schedule for photographs is as follows:

December: Photos of our Nativity Hosanna Rock! (Individual and group portraits)

March: Individual, group and siblings portraits

June: Family picnic day-bring a rug and a picnic and the family. Natural photos taken outside – individual, friends, small family groups

Specific dates TBC

Please return the survey to school asap so we can provide school photographs that you really want to purchase.

Thank you

We were delighted to have the Barrasford Scout group volunteer to clear our allotment ready for the winter. They did an amazing job and we really appreciate it. Thank you to Julie Phillips for organising it.

Parent Governor

We are delighted to announce that Terry Phillips (Hayden's Dad) is our new Parent Governor. Terry is both a solicitor and a District Judge. His knowledge, skills and experience will be invaluable to the school and Governing Body.

Wild About Adventure

The after school club started on Monday 26th September with a magnificent 25 children in attendance.

A photo consent form was sent out on Tuesday from Wildabout Adventure. Please return this as soon as possible. It is for Paul rather than school.

Whole school adventure day

The children and staff had a fantastic day with Paul, taking part in lots of team building and problem solving activities and finishing with a competition to make the strongest structure to hold an egg! Photos are on our website.

Christmas Market

The Christmas market will be held at **Humshaugh Village Hall on Saturday 15th October between 11am and 2pm.**

Donations are always welcome and if you would like to offer your time and help on the day, please speak to Louise Armatage as soon as possible. Her mobile number is: 07900 373 009

Friends/PTA

To ensure that events like our Harvest Festival and the Christmas Market are a success and fundraising for school resources and trips is continuous through the school year, we need an ever bigger number of volunteers. We are hugely lucky to have Louise, Gwyn and Julie on the committee but we need more volunteers to become part of the Friends of Humshaugh. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please contact Mrs Long or Louise Armatage.

Request from Mrs Carney

To support their learning in Science, please could you send in a baby photograph of your child/children. We hope you don't mind us making a display of them. All photos will be returned after the display has been dismantled.

Parent Consultations

You will have received a letter with details of date and time for your meeting with your child's class teacher. Please let us know if you are unable to attend and we can arrange an alternative time. Each appointment must last only 10 minutes so please arrive in good time to help the teachers stay on time!

Lunch money 6.9.16-21.10.16

The cost is £2 per day therefore £68 is due for the first half of the term. Please send all monies to the school office in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name, class and the amount enclosed.

Swimming

Please ensure boys have tight swimming trunks – not baggy boardie type shorts. The instructors have asked us to pass this on to parents. Also, if your daughter has longer than shoulder length hair, please provide a hair band or ensure their hair is tied back. Any help with getting children to practise buttons and putting socks and tights on at home would be appreciated!

Letter check

It is vital that you check your child's book bag every day to ensure any messages, letters or permission slips are dealt with as soon as possible. It makes the organisation of activities and events so much easier for the teachers and Mrs Rowcroft.

Reading talk

Thank you to Mrs Blythe for organising the very informative talk and for all the parents who were able to attend. She is offering another opportunity for parents who were unable to attend. The date is Monday 10th October at 3.15pm. If you have any queries about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to come and speak to the class teacher.

Attendance

Well done everyone for fantastic attendance and punctuality so far...keep it up!!

Please ensure your child is in school every day unless unwell. Parents must contact the school office or leave a message on the answer machine giving a reason for absence.

Routines

Please remember to arrive promptly to school in the morning. The bell is rung for school to start at 8.50am.

Parents should leave their children in the playground where they will be escorted into school by Mrs Phillips.

Late book-we are trialling a Late Book to monitor punctuality. If children arrive after the back doors are locked, they are required to be dropped off at the front door. A member of staff will fill in the late book and escort your child to their classroom.

Please ensure you arrive on time at 3.05pm to pick your child up at the end of the day.

PE this term

We will be doing PE outside (weather permitting) in the autumn term on a **Friday**, so please make sure your child has a suitable PE kit and sandshoes with velcro fastening or trainers that he/she can fasten independently.

Quite a number of children are not bringing a PE kit to leave in school. As the after school sport club has finished, children can bring in their kit at the beginning of a half term and take it home to wash during the holidays.

Other dates for your diary.

Monday 3rd October: Deliver Harvest boxes around the village (waterproof jackets and comfy shoes)

Wednesday 5th October: Baker Be (Roald Dahl)

Monday 10th October: Reading Talk 3.15pm

Monday 17th October: CLASS 1 AND 2 Parent Consultations (LETTER IN BOOK BAGS ON MONDAY 19TH SEP)

Wednesday 19th October: CLASS 1 ONLY Parent Consultations (LETTER IN BOOK BAGS ON MONDAY 19TH SEP)

Thursday 20th October: CLASS 2 ONLY Parent Consultations (LETTER IN BOOK BAGS ON MONDAY 19TH SEP)

Thursday 20th October: Break up for half term

Friday 21st October: Teacher Day

Monday 31st October: School starts (Autumn 2nd)

Kind regards,

Jude Long (Acting Headteacher)

