



Friday 9th February 2024 (5 pages)

ATTENDANCE

Well done to everyone in the green! Red figures are a combination of illness and unauthorised absence.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>%</u>
<u>RECEPTION</u>	88%
<u>YEAR 1</u>	97%
<u>YEAR 2</u>	91%
<u>YEAR 3</u>	98%
<u>YEAR 4</u>	97%

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Archie and Charlie S; our Handwriting Heroes Mollie, Andrej, Tommy and Euan. Congratulations also to Darcey for receiving the Kindness Award, Charlie A for the Helping Hand Award and both Esme and George for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Jenny and Alex. Congratulations also to Bella who received the PE/Sport awards and Annabelle also for receiving the Supastrikers award. All children were given a special sticker and an award to sit on their desk for the week.



TEAM POINT WINNERS

Well done to **BEECH** team who achieved a fantastic **10,180** team points this half term. They will have Golden Time this afternoon with their team mates.

TRIP TO THE SIKH GURDWARA

As part of their RE learning and to broaden their experience of cultural diversity, the children in Years 1 to 4 visited the Sikh Gurdwara in Newcastle. Our host Jazinder gave us a tour of the Gurdwara and the children learnt about the pillars and values associated with the Sikhi faith. We listened to music, watched videos about the Golden Temple and asked questions. To finish off our visit we had lunch in the community kitchen and many of the children sampled the delicious rice, bread and dahl that was on offer. The children were impeccably behaved and respectful at all times. Jazinder complimented us on how wonderful the children were which made us very proud indeed. Thank you so much for ensuring that packed lunch items were suitable for our visit, we really appreciate it.



CELEBRATING EXTRA CURRICULAR PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Please let Mrs Long know if your child/ren take part in extra-curricular clubs and activities and achieve awards or prizes. We would love to celebrate and share their efforts and successes.

PE KITS

There is no need for children to bring PE kits on Monday 12th February.

Class 3 will be doing DT Food Tech and **Class 2** will not have PE as Mr Hulbert is away.

REMINDER-NO SPORTS CLUB ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on **Monday 26th February**.

Class 2 will be doing **INVASION GAMES** and **Class 3** will be doing **FOOTBALL**. Children will need PE kits suitable for outdoors e.g. trainers, leggings/shorts and a sweatshirt or hoody.

PARENTZONE-ONLINE SAFETY

Every few weeks, we will share information or an article about online safety. All these guides can be found on www.parentzone.org.uk



What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a popular photo-messaging app that allows users to take photos, record videos, add drawings and send them to their friends. A message on Snapchat only appears for a few seconds, but once you click away or the time limit expires, it disappears permanently.

Snapchat has a number of different features. These include 'stories', that disappear after 24 hours, 'memories', that act as a kind of personal archive, 'Snap Maps', that share your location whilst you're online, 'streaks', when you send messages back and forth for several consecutive days, and filters. There is also a 'live streaming' option, in which you create a story with other users based on your location. This is only available when your geo-location is enabled.

What do parents need to be aware of?

Age restrictions

Snapchat states that young people under the age of 13 years are not able to create an account. However, there is no strict age verification in place when signing up to the app, allowing underage children to sign up by giving a false date of birth.

Privacy settings

By default, only 'Friends' can make direct contact or view a user's story. However, users can change their profile to 'public, which means that anyone can view your stories and Snapchat users you haven't added will be able to send you images and messages.

In August 2022 Snapchat introduced their '[Family Center](#)', an in-app tool that allows parents to see who their children have been speaking to (and how frequently they communicate). The Family Center will not, however, reveal the content of any messages.

Inappropriate content

Because of the 'disappearing' effect of images, Snapchat has been used for sharing inappropriate images. The momentary nature of Snapchat can mean that young people may be more inclined to take images on impulse that they might later regret.

It's important to remember that images can be screen-shotted or recorded with another device, perhaps against the wishes of the sender.

Like many other apps, there is a concern that strangers can contact young people directly by sending images and requesting to become 'friends'. You can set the privacy settings so that you can only receive Snapchats from 'friends' rather than 'Everyone'.

Geolocation

Snap Maps allows snapchat 'friends' to see where your child is. The locations are quite accurate, even revealing the street you're on.

Snap Maps is switched to 'off' by default, but when you set it up you have the option to choose between four different settings: 'ghost mode', which means no one can see your location, 'friends', which includes all your current friends and whoever you may friend in the future, 'only these friends', which allows you to set up a list of friends who can see your location, and 'friends, except...' which allows you to set up a list within your friends who won't be able to see your location. It is advisable that geo-location should be kept private by disabling location for Snapchat in settings or switching on 'ghost mode'.

Artificial intelligence

In 2023 Snapchat announced that their AI chatbot 'My AI' would be made **freely available to all users**. Like other AI chatbots, users can 'chat' to My AI – asking it all sorts of questions they'd like answers to, requesting custom-made images and visual content, and even asking for cooking recipes based on a picture of bits they've got in the fridge.

This sort of 'generative AI' relies on data and complex algorithms – the rules that tell computers and software how to operate – to respond to the instructions which a user provides.

And although tools like AI chatbots have lots of great uses, they're a technology that's rapidly developing and they definitely aren't risk-free. Younger users might be provided age-inappropriate answers to questions they ask, and the image-creation tools of My AI could be used for things like bullying and harassment.

If you're happy with your child using Snapchat without the My AI feature it's possible to delete the chatbot. This can be done by selecting the 'My AI' user, tapping 'Chat Settings', and then tapping 'Clear from Chat Feed'. Note however that it may be possible for children to redownload My AI.

Reporting functions

You can report users that breach the Community Guidelines by **contacting Snapchat directly**. If you have any concerns about grooming, sexual abuse or exploitation on Snapchat, you can also file a report with **CEOP**.

COMMUNICATION

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

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Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)-Mrs Long

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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 12th February: NO PE or SPORTS CLUB (All other clubs will be on)

Thursday 15th February: Last day of Spring 1

Friday 16th February: Teacher Day

Monday 26th February: Spring 2 starts

Tuesday 5th March: Y4 Bikeability-more info to follow

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day-Friends from the Village

Monday 11th March: Y3/4 Stadium Tour of St. James Park (more info to follow)

Wednesday 20th March: Y2-4 Queens Hall visit-'Fishing for Rainbows' (more info to follow)

Thursday 28th March: Break up for Easter (Good Friday is on Friday 29th March)

Monday 15 th April:	Summer 1 starts Reception Parent Consultations
Monday 22 nd April:	Reception, Class 2 and 3 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 24 th April:	Class 2 and 3 Parent Consultations
Thursday 25 th April:	Class 2 and 3 Parent Consultations
Monday 6 th May:	Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May:	Last day of Summer 1




HUMSHAUGH YOUTH CLUB

Tuesdays @ Village Hall
6pm -7.30pm : Youth (Yrs 4-8)

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2024

JANUARY

16th: Welcome back Who Inspires us? (6pm-7pm)
23rd: Making decorations for Disco & Chinese New Year
30th: Puzzles Galore with Lisa

FEBRUARY

6th: Chinese Tasting and Dragon making
13th: Valentine Disco-learn new dances and eat Pancakes!
20th: HALF TERM
27th: Cupcake making

**No session 20th FEBRUARY
(Half Term)**

**FOR MORE INFO, CALL/TEXT/WHATSAPP
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