



Friday 15th September 2023 (5 Pages)

We have had a super week full of exciting learning experiences and again the children have wowed us with their enthusiasm and positive attitude. A big shout out to the Year 2 children who had their first swimming lesson this week. Not only were we impressed with their behaviour, they are all really strong swimmers. The swimming teachers commented on what a super group of swimmers they are! Thank you also to the Year 3 and 4 children for setting the example and being great buddies for the younger children to ensure they felt safe and happy.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to everyone who is in the **green** this week!

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
	<u>%</u>
RECEPTION	92%
YEAR 1	100%
YEAR 2	95%
YEAR 3	98%
YEAR 4	100%

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Olivia and Bella; our Handwriting Heroes Ella, Hamish, Milada and Riley. Congratulations also to Darcey for receiving the Kindness Award, Lilly for the Helping Hand Award and both Laurie and George for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Harry B and Charlie A. Congratulations also to Hugo and Jessie who received the PE/Sport awards. Maisie also received a Supastrikers award. All children were given a special sticker and an award to sit on their desk for the week.



For EYFS stars-please see Mrs Wilkinson's weekly update.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLACES (YEAR 4)

It is now time for children in Year 4 to apply for the next phase of school starting in September 2024. The Portal will open 12th September 2023 and close at midnight on 31st October 2023. If parents have any problems, please contact the team on 01670 624889.

Here is the link the parents apply on. They must register first and then they will get an email back which they then apply through. https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

SWIMMING REMINDERS (Y2-4)

- Please ensure that your child brings a swimming costume or trunks (short – not long surf shorts), a towel and a pair of goggles.
- Children DO NOT need shampoo, conditioner, shower gel or talcum powder.
- If your child wears earrings, it is advised that they are taken out during all sports including PE and Swimming. Members of staff are unable to assist with this so please either take them out before school or teach your child how to take out their own earrings.



KATS-KIDS ACTION THRU SCIENCE PROJECT

We are very excited that our Year 3 and 4 children are involved in the following project. Our first session was on Tuesday afternoon and the children had an amazing time working with Elle. They were particularly excited about using the VR headsets that she brought. There will be two more sessions including one with visiting Scientists, ending with a trip to the Centre for Life in October.

The Kids Action Thru Science (KATS) Project is a climate education outreach project created and delivered by Newcastle University. The KATS project uses innovative, exciting, and creative education to encourage young people to learn about sustainable development and empower them to become citizen scientists to help solve the world's most pressing environmental challenges.

The KATS team are delivering the current project to 12 local schools in the north east funded by North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA). Inspired by Blue Planet II and Frozen Planet II, this project aims to introduce young people to the sustainable development goals (SDGs), focussing on Climate Action (SDG 13), Life Below Water (SDG 14) and Life on Land (SDG 15). In June 2023, we finished the first round of the project – [find out more here](#). We are continuing our hunt for the next 'Greta Thunberg'!

The KATS team will deliver three (2-hour) in-school sessions focussed on biodiversity, and the impacts of climate change and human activities on life below water and on land. Some activities in the first two weeks include using virtual reality goggles, engaging in STEM experiments, acting as news reporters on the 'KATS Global Network', and becoming citizen scientists by collecting data about air pollution, weather, local biodiversity and microplastics. In the third week, a STEM expert from Newcastle University will join us and lead a variety of activities based off their expertise. This can include geospatial engineers (drones), naval architects working on the 'Flip Flopi' project, the Street Scientists, or media producers.



CELEBRATING EXTRA CURRICULAR PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

A massive congratulations to Lewis, Harry, Euan and Arthur for receiving their Bronze Award from Beavers.

They attended an award ceremony with other Beavers from across Northumberland.



If you would like us to celebrate your child's achievement, then please let Mrs Long know and she will pop it on the newsletter.

HARVEST SHOE BOXES

We are planning on delivering Harvest gift boxes as usual to our Friends from the Village. The boxes will be decorated in school; however, we need at least 20 boxes with lids. If you have spare/unused adult sized shoe boxes with removable lids then please send them into school as soon as you can.

ATTENDANCE

It is vital that your child/ren attend school EVERY day unless they are ill. Term time holidays cannot be authorised. A Leave of Absence form must be completed for any unauthorised absence. Forms are available from Mrs Long.

LATECOMERS

Please ensure your child/ren arrive at school on time. Lateness will be monitored and if it is persistent then Mrs Long will ask parents to attend a meeting in school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Mrs Phillips and her team continue to run Breakfast club every morning from **8.00-8.45am**. Please contact Mrs Clark in the office if you have not already indicated that your child will require a place.

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8.00am IF YOUR CHILD REQUIRES BREAKFAST.

HEALTHY SNACK

The School Free Fruit Scheme has resumed for children in EYFS and Year 1 and 2 only. If you are able, please provide a healthy snack for your child to eat during morning playtime **if they are not in EYFS or Year 1 or 2.**

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on **Monday 25th September.**

We will be doing PE outside in the Autumn term (weather permitting), so please make sure your child has a suitable PE kit in school and trainers that he/she can fasten independently.

PE kits will be sent home each holiday to be washed and returned to school. Due to limited space, please ensure bags are the drawstring type rather than large rucksacks.

If your child will be attending Sports Club, they will go home in their PE kits which will need to be returned to school in time for the next lesson.

FOREST SCHOOL

The children in Years 1 to 4 have Forest School in Autumn 1 and then Summer 1 and 2.

During Autumn 2, Spring 1 and 2 they stay on site to do Art on Friday afternoons.

For Forest School, children should come to school in practical clothes e.g. leggings/tracksuit bottoms. As the weather becomes colder then extra layers are vital together with wellie boots, waterproof coat and trousers. School have some waterproof trousers that children can borrow.

PLEASE DO NOT WEAR SKIRTS/DRESSES/ SANDALS ON A FOREST SCHOOL DAY.

FLU IMMUNISATION-Whole School

The following date has been planned for our school **26/09/2023**

Parents should follow the link below to complete the required form

<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The school code is **NB122295**

ILLNESS

We understand that parents may be wary of sending children into school who are displaying cold/flu like symptoms. Please ring school if you need support to make a decision about whether your child should attend. 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. There are regular handwashing and sanitising points through the day and tissues in every room. If staff are concerned that a child is unwell in school, parents will be contacted for the child to be collected.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (YEAR 1 TO 4)

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

Sports club starts on:	Monday 11 th September	3.15pm-4.30pm (PE Kit)
Dance club starts on:	Tuesday 12 th September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers)
Football/Yoga club start on:	Wednesday 13 th September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers for Football)
Zumba Dance club starts on:	Thursday 14 th September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers)

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD/REN PROMPTLY AT THE FRONT DOOR

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. **However, logos are not compulsory and plain red sweatshirts/cardigans are available at local supermarkets.** Book bags are also available to purchase via the school trends website.

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

STAY AND PLAY

We would really like to try and resume a Stay and Play session in school for babies up to pre-school age. If we were able to manage it in-house, it would be really helpful if we had an expression of interest from anyone who would like to join us for Stay and Play. Please either contact Mrs Clark in the office or Mrs Long via email.

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

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

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 19th September: Class 3 trip to Jarrow Hall

(PACKED LUNCH/PRACTICAL CLOTHES/WATERPROOF COAT)

Friday 26th September: KATS session 2 -Y3/4

Tuesday 10th October: Friends from the Village (Class 3)

Thursday 12th October: KATS Centre for Life trip – Y3/4 (More information to follow)

Thursday 26th October: Last day of Autumn 1

Friday 27th October: Teacher Day

Monday 6th November: Autumn 2 starts (All clubs resume)

Monday 18th December: Y1-4 Christmas theatre trip-Snow White-Queens Hall, Hexham

Friday 22nd December: Last day of Autumn 2

EYFS Christmas theatre trip-Hey Diddle Diddle-Queens Hall, Hexham

Monday 8th January: Spring 1 starts (All clubs and swimming resume this week)

Thursday 15th February: Last day of Spring 1

Friday 16th February: Teacher Day

Monday 26th February: Spring 2 starts

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

Monday 15th April: Summer 1 starts

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May: Last day of Summer 1

