



Friday 29th September 2023 (5 pages)

ATTENDANCE

Well done-everyone is in the **green** this week!

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	98%
YEAR 1	100%
YEAR 2	98%
YEAR 3	96%
YEAR 4	100%

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Elijah and Bertie; our Handwriting Heroes Mollie, Ava, Maddie and Harry A. Congratulations also to Euan for receiving the Kindness Award, Anna for the Helping Hand Award and both Jenny and Lewis for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Archie and Charlie S. Congratulations also to Laurie and Maisie who received the PE/Sport awards as well as Annabelle who 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.

COVID UPDATE

COVID Government guidance no longer advises that we test for covid. We do not expect our pupils to test, even if they are symptomatic. The Government published the following guidance on school attendance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-to-school-leaders-on-mild-illness-and-school-attendance/letter-to-school-leaders-on-mild-illness-and-school-attendance>

In line with this, we would expect pupils to come to school with general cold symptoms such as a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. Pupils should not come to school with a temperature of 38 degrees or above. If your child is not well enough to come to school, please notify school by calling the office.

SPEED STACKS

School have purchased a set of Speed Stacks which are an excellent resource to build speed, stamina and co-ordination. You can find out more at www.speedstacks.com with training videos and information. The children in Class 3 absolutely loved their first session!



KATS -STREET SCIENTISTS

On Tuesday, Class 3 had a visit from The Street Scientists, as part of our KATS project with Newcastle University. The children got to explore many different aspects of STEM, including making a human electric circuit, classifying animals, finding out how sound travels, solving mathematical problems, magic with binary code and chemistry experiments with colour. The culmination of the KATS project will be a trip to the Centre for Life on Thursday 12th October.





CHILDREN IN NEED

Children in Need is on Friday 17th November. Children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes - spots, stripes and bright colours welcome! There will be a small donation which Mrs Clark will set up on Parent Pay nearer to the time.

HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a box. 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.

If you are able, please start sending in food donations to fill our Harvest boxes. Tinned food, packets of tea/pasta and biscuits are always appreciated rather than fresh produce.

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 you 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.**

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on **Monday 2nd October.**

We are 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.

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

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

Monday 9 th October:	Harvest Service (in school-pupils and staff only) Y3/4 deliver Harvest boxes around the village
Tuesday 10 th October:	Friends from the Village (Class 3)
Thursday 12 th October:	KATS Centre for Life trip – Y3/4 (Letters sent out on Tuesday)
Thursday 26 th October:	Last day of Autumn 1
Friday 27 th October:	Teacher Day
Monday 6 th November:	Autumn 2 starts (All clubs resume)
Monday 18 th December:	Y1-4 Christmas theatre trip-Snow White-Queens Hall, Hexham
Friday 22 nd December:	Last day of Autumn 2 EYFS Christmas theatre trip-Hey Diddle Diddle-Queens Hall, Hexham
Monday 8 th January:	Spring 1 starts (All clubs and swimming resume this week)
Thursday 15 th February:	Last day of Spring 1
Friday 16 th February:	Teacher Day
Monday 26 th February:	Spring 2 starts
Thursday 28 th March:	Break up for Easter (Good Friday is on Friday 29 th March)
Monday 15 th April:	Summer 1 starts
Monday 6 th May:	Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May:	Last day of Summer 1

FOR ALL YEAR 4 PUPILS



Adults: if you'd like to volunteer, we'd love to hear from you!

Humshaugh Youth Club @ the Village Hall

Tuesdays 6.00pm-7.30pm

If you live in Humshaugh and you're aged 8-13 (and in school years 4-8), come and join us at your village youth club!

You can just turn up, no need to book. It's £1 per young person, and there'll be juice and a snack available (please feel free to contact us in advance if your child has any dietary requirements).

Registration forms will be available on your child's first night so we have the information we need to make sure they're happy and safe! Please ensure the they are dropped off on the first night by someone who can fill out this form.

To find out more, get in touch! Call/text/WhatsApp 07826 020949 or email Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk