



Thursday 26th October 2023 (4 pages)

ATTENDANCE

Oh dear! The attendance this week is very poor for most year groups. These low results are mainly due to unauthorised absences, in particular term time holidays. School is unable to authorise term time Leave of Absence as stated in the Hexham Partnership Leave of Absence Policy.

Well done to YEAR 2 who are the only year group in the **green** this week!

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	92%
YEAR 1	83%
YEAR 2	100%
YEAR 3	90%
YEAR 4	86%

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to OAK team who had their Golden Time today for earning the most team points over this half term. The team had the choice of playing board games and Lego, drawing, Speed Stacks finished off with juice and a biscuit.



Well done also to the children who applied for **School Council**. All those who haven't already been on School Council were allocated a place meaning that we didn't need to go to a secret ballot.

The new School Council Comms. Team are:

Bella, Darcey, Euan, Charlie A, Maisie, Isla C, Harry H, Harry B, Andrej and Jenny-well done for your detailed applications, I was very impressed. There will be a new School Council noticeboard in the corridor after half term with news and updates.



MUSEUM OF THE MOON

The children in Years 2 to 4 had a flying visit to the Museum of the Moon at Hexham Abbey after swimming on Wednesday. It is an amazing sight and the children were enthralled. We sat under the moon and the children asked some very interesting questions before going up the Night steps to view the moon from above. We had some very positive comments from the staff and other visitors about the children's exceptional behaviour.

Thank you to Jewitts Coaches for the extra bus trip, Mrs Thomson for helping with the organisation and Cath Newson and the Abbey staff for engaging the children and attempting to answer some very deep and complicated questions!!



POPPY APPEAL

We do have some poppies, key rings and other bits if children would like to bring a few coins W/C Monday 6th November.

TEATOWELS

Christmas Fundraising Project

This year we are producing a tea towel using artwork from all of the children. Each child will draw their portrait in full colour to be produced into a cotton tea towel.

Although it is early we would like to ensure the project is completed in time to have the tea towels back before Christmas. These would make a great Christmas present or keepsake from your child's time at Humshaugh First School.

Cost of the tea towel will be £5 and payment can be by cheque (made out to Humshaugh Church of England School) or bank transfer – Sort code: 30 94 19 Account Number: 00081463 (please use your child's name as the reference)

An order form was sent home with your child this week. Please complete your order request below and return to school by **Monday 6th November** to ensure we meet our Christmas delivery promise.



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!

The Children in Need donations page has now been published for our school.

To make a donation, please click on the following link.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11671>

YEAR 4 ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL

If you opted to pay in instalments for this trip, please ensure your first instalment is completed as soon as possible.



FRIENDS OF HUMSHAUGH

Calling all Quizzers!

There will be a pub quiz and raffle in aid of the school on Tuesday 14th November at The Crown. If anyone could donate a raffle prize that would be amazing, please pass them on to Leah or Alice.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on **Monday 6th November**

The children in Years 1 to 4 will be doing Dance for Autumn 2. Please provide suitable kit such as shorts, leggings and t-shirt. If your child attends Sports Club, they will need to bring trainers and a hoody as well.

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

Thursday 26 th October:	Last day of Autumn 1 – Friends Halloween Tuck Shop
Friday 27 th October:	Teacher Day
Friday 3 rd November:	Playing Field Trust Fireworks
Monday 6 th November:	Autumn 2 starts (All clubs resume)
Tuesday 7 th November:	Shutterbugz – individual photographs (more info to follow via email)
Tuesday 14 th November:	The Friends Pub Quiz-The Crown Pub 8.00pm
Friday 17 th November:	Children in Need-Wear spots, stripes or bright colours (optional)

Monday 20 th November:	Class 2 trip to Centre for Life (more info to follow)
Thursday 30 th November:	Friends from the Village -Class 2
Tuesday 12 th December:	Y1-4 Christmas performance 9.15am and 2.00pm
Friday 15 th December:	Class 1 (EYFS) Wiggly Nativity 9.30am
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
SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.00PM	
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



