



## **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 (5 Pages)**

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

There will be a couple of changes to staffing this term.

Firstly, Miss Holmes is undergoing some medical treatment so will be absent from school for the foreseeable future. Mrs Parker will be taking on Miss Holme's role in Class 1 Monday to Thursday and Mrs Robley will cover on a Friday. We wish Miss Holmes a speedy recovery.

Secondly, it is with great sadness that we will say goodbye to Mrs Phillips who will be starting an exciting new job at National Parks on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Phillips has been an integral and outstanding member of staff over a number of years and we will all really miss her. We wish her all the very best in her new job.

### **SCHOOL DAY**

Just a reminder that the school day **begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm.**

**Breakfast Club** runs between **8.00-8.45am**

**After School Clubs** will run between **3.15pm-4.30pm.**

### **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**

Breakfast club will start on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** and is available 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.

### **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.**

### **GOOGLE FORMS**

Mrs Clark will be sending out various consent forms via Google on Wednesday.

Please complete and submit your permission for various activities by the **morning of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September** so we can ensure our records are up to date and that all children have consent to participate.

### **PE KITS**

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

Due to limited space, please ensure bags are the drawstring type rather than large rucksacks.

## **FOREST SCHOOL**

There is no need to provide additional Forest School clothing or equipment this term. Where possible, we will ensure the children have Outdoor Learning on a Friday afternoon but this will not involve using the woods every week. There may be times that different classes will use the woods for Science activities but we will inform you if wellies etc are required as and when.

## **SUNCREAM**

Typically, the weather forecast is wonderful for the next couple of weeks. Please ensure your child has sun cream applied before school. If they require a top up, please send in a named bottle of sun cream, ideally in a clear plastic bag. Children are not to share their sun cream with other children. We will try to spend our playtimes outside whenever possible so please ensure you provide a hat or cap and a refillable water bottle.

## **FLU IMMUNISATION-Whole School**

The following date has been planned for our school **24/09/24**

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.

## **SWIMMING**

The children in **Years 1, 2, 3 and 4** will be swimming from **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** every week, until the end of the academic year. The consent letter and information will be sent out via Google forms and payment will be set up on Parent Pay.

## **SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

Children who travel on the taxi will be escorted to the front door by the driver. A Breakfast club member of staff will be there to greet the children at whatever time they arrive and the children can join Breakfast club until school starts.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**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 9 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm-4.30pm (PE Kit)
Dance club starts on:	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers)
Football/Yoga club start on:	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers for Football)
Zumba Dance club starts on:	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers)

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD/REN PROMPTLY AT THE FRONT DOOR at 4.30pm**

## **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.

## **BIRTHDAY TREATS**

Due to an increase in the number of pupils with dietary needs including allergies, we are requesting that parents DO NOT send birthday cakes OR sweets into school.

## **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](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk). **However, logos are not compulsory and plain red sweatshirts/cardigans are available at local supermarkets.**

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

## **STAY AND PLAY**

If you know of anyone who is interested in leading a weekly **Stay and Play** session, please contact Mrs Long to discuss a suitable day and time to use the school hall. All the resources are still stored in the hall and the shed. The leader just needs to meet and greet and send communication out via WhatsApp or Facebook.

## **PIANO LESSONS**

For those children who have signed up to have piano lessons with Clair, they are due to resume on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## **HARVEST SHOW-HUMSHAUGH VILLAGE HALL**

The Humshaugh Harvest Show will take place on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. All children have been entered into the Handwriting competition which they completed in school.

## **HEADTEACHER UPDATE/COMMUNICATION**

I will send a weekly newsletter to parents with regular updates, news, diary dates and photographs. We will hold Parent Consultations towards the end of this half term. Letters will be sent out in advance.

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](mailto:melanie.wilkinson@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk)

### **Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)-Mrs Blythe**

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### **Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)-Mrs Long**

email: [jude.long@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk)

## **DIARY DATES**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September:	Teacher Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September:	Teacher Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September:	Autumn 1 starts (Breakfast Club resumes)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September:	PE and Sports Club
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September:	Dance Club
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September:	Swimming starts (Y1-4) Football and Yoga Club
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September:	Zumba
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September:	Harvest Show-Village Hall
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September:	Class 3 trip to The Great North Museum (more info to follow)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September:	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October:	Friends from the Village (Class 3)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October:	Be You Emotional Regulation Assembly-Y1-4
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October:	Last day of Autumn 1
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October:	Teacher Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November:	Autumn 2 starts (All clubs resume)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December:	Last day of Autumn 2-Christmas break
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January:	Spring 1 starts (All clubs resume)

# HUMSHAUGH HARVEST FOOD & FLOWER SHOW 2024

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September - 12 - 4pm Humshaugh Village Hall

## CHILDREN'S COMPETITONS

Gingerbread Family (Max 6 people)

Decorated Rice Crispy Cakes - 4

Marvellous Muffins (sweet or savoury - 4)

Photo - "Summer" theme

Photo - "Creepy Crawlies" theme

Self Portrait A3 Max Size

Toilet Roll Animal

Lego Model - own design - "Lifesize replica of any object" theme (max board size A4)

Fingerprint Painting Picture

Hama Bead Art

A Bug Hotel

A Kite

A Mosaic Picture

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER PERSON PER CATEGORY UNLESS OTHERWISE  
STATED

## CHILDREN'S COMPETITON PRIZES

Northumberland Zoo Family Pass

Falconry Days Family Meet the Birds Pass

Wheelbirks Ice Cream Parlour Voucher

Inspired Pots Hexham Voucher

Forum Cinema Hexham Voucher

Children's categories open to all aged 16 and under. Free entry. Points, rosettes & cards awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each category. Top 5 point scorers win prizes. Entries to Humshaugh Village Hall between 8 & 10am on the day, or between 4 & 5pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

For full details please see show guides (available in August from the village shop, or the Humshaugh Harvest Show Facebook page)