



Tuesday 5th September 2023 (5 Pages)

We have had a fabulous first day back. The children have been so enthusiastic and are really enjoying their new year groups and classrooms. This newsletter includes important information about routines and dates so please ensure you have a quick look.

NEW STARTERS

Well done to Billie, Violet, Joey, Florrie, Hugo H, Layla, Charlie H, Spencer, Eliza and Ada who had a great first day in 'big school'. Welcome to Charlie, Bridie, Frederick, Maisie and Jessie who started this week.



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

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.

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

Please complete and submit your permission for various activities by the **morning of Friday 8th 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 11th 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.

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 **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.

SWIMMING

The children in **Years 2, 3 and 4** will be swimming from **Wednesday 13th 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 (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

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. **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

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 Caris, they are due to resume on Friday 8th September.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are always very lucky that people offer their valuable time to volunteer in school.

We always welcome volunteers to help with Reading and Forest School/Art on a Friday afternoon.

If you think you could spare the time to help out with either activity, then please let Mrs Long know ASAP and she can give you more information about the timings and organise a DBS check.

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

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 4th September:	Teacher Day
Tuesday 5th September:	Autumn 1 starts (Breakfast Club resumes)
Friday 8th September:	Forest School (Practical clothes and shoes please)
Monday 11th September:	PE and Sports Club
Tuesday 12th September:	Dance Club
Wednesday 13th September:	Swimming starts (Y2-4) Football and Yoga Club
Thursday 14th September:	Zumba
Tuesday 19th September:	Class 3 trip to Jarrow Hall (more info to follow)
Tuesday 10th October:	Friends from the Village (Class 3)
Thursday 26th October:	Last day of Autumn 1
Friday 27th October:	Teacher Day
Monday 6th November:	Autumn 2 starts (All clubs resume)
Friday 22nd December:	Last day of Autumn 2

HARVEST SHOW-HUMSHAUGH VILLAGE HALL

The Humshaugh Harvest Show will take place on **Saturday 9th September**. All children have been entered into the Handwriting competition which they completed in school.

HUMSHAUGH HARVEST FOOD & FLOWER SHOW 2023

Saturday 9th September - 12 – 4pm Humshaugh Village Hall

CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS

No-Bake Biscuit / Slice – 4

Cheese Puff Pastry Animal - 3

Giant Decorated Cookie - 1

Photo – “Animals” theme

Photo – “Weather” theme

‘Get Well Soon’ Card

Plasticine/Playdough/Salt Dough Model

Lego Model – own design - “An Awesome Creature” theme (max board size A4)

Largest Sunflower Head

(photographic entries not allowed)

Picture made from Dried Flowers

Miniature Garden/Desert Island on a Plate

Paper Plate Mask

Portrait of King Charles

**ONLY 1 ENTRY PER PERSON PER CATEGORY UNLESS OTHERWISE
STATED**

CHILDREN'S COMPETITION PRIZES

Alnwick Gardens Family Pass & Family Crazy Golf

Kirkley Hall Zoo Family 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 1st, 2nd & 3rd 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 8th September.

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