



Friday 8th December 2023 (5 pages)

ATTENDANCE

Oh dear! The low attendance this week is a result of unauthorised absence and illness.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	88%
YEAR 1	93%
YEAR 2	92%
YEAR 3	87%
YEAR 4	95%

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Andrej and Tommy; our Handwriting Heroes Harry B, Archie, Maddie and Alex. Congratulations also to Charlotte for receiving the Kindness Award, Isla C for the Helping Hand Award and both Olivia and Euan for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Hugo and Erin. Congratulations also to Arthur who received a Supastrikers award. All children were given a special sticker and an award to sit on their desk for the week.



FRAGILE EARTH

We had a super morning on Monday with Jude and Jane, our friends from the Simonburn visits. They talked to the children about our Fragile Earth and our hopes and dreams with regard to looking after it. This was followed by a collage session in class and also designing a piece of cloth that will be added to a 'cloth of hope' for our school.



CLASS 3 FOOD TECH-MINCE PIES

The children in Class 3 had Food Tech on Monday and enjoyed baking mince pies. It is the turn of the children in Class 2 on Monday.



SHUTTERBUGZ

School photographs will be sent home with children on Tuesday 12th December.

BIG CHRISTMAS BOOK GIVEAWAY -8th DECEMBER

We are in the process of tidying and improving our library in view of purchasing some more books. As a result, we have a table full of books to give away.

On **Friday 8th December at 3.15-3.30pm**, you are welcome to pop into the school hall and take any books that you like the look of. We are not charging any money for these books. We would just like them to go to a good home!

FACEBOOK

We will be launching a new Facebook page next week. The group is open to parents of current pupils. We will be posting useful updates, reminders and information about school life. **There will be no option to comment on posts so any questions/messages should still be emailed or telephoned into the school office.**

Please continue to read the weekly newsletter for more in depth updates and to view photos of our trips and events please see the school website. The QR code below should take you to the relevant page.



POST BOX

The Christmas Post Box will be in the Class 2 corridor from Monday if your child/ren would like to send Christmas cards to their friends. This is completely optional so please do not feel obliged to buy cards. Homemade cards are just as special.

Please ensure that you write the recipients name (with surname initial if more than one!) and their year group so the children organising the deliveries know who to deliver to.

The last day for Christmas post will be Wednesday 20th December.

FOOD TECH REQUEST

The children in Class 2 will be making mince pies in Food Tech on Monday 11th December. Please provide a small container for them to bring one home!

TRAVELLING CRIBS

The Travelling Crib was launched on Monday 4th December. Each day a different child will get to take the crib home.

Please talk to your child about the figures and let them play with the crib at home. Please encourage your child to add a photo or draw a picture of their favourite character from the Nativity and write a label or short paragraph about it.

Please remember to bring the crib back to school the next day so that everyone gets a turn.

There is a list in the back of the book so you can see who your child needs to give the travelling crib to next.

The crib and book will be in Church on display with many others at the **Crib Festival at St. Peters Church on 15th-17th December.**

All cribs displayed that weekend will be blessed at the 10am service on **Sunday 17th December.**

PE KITS

Please ensure the children in **CLASS 3** have their PE kits in school on **Monday 11th December**.
The children in CLASS 2 will be doing Food Tech for the afternoon.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There will be **NO** After School Clubs in the last week of term (W/C Monday 18th December).
ALL clubs will resume W/C Monday 8th January 2024.



FRIENDS OF HUMSHAUGH

Merry Christmas



Humshaugh
CofE First
School
Christmas
Decorations

£5 each
while stocks last

Available at the Christmas Shows
and to order and pay via ParentPay.

In aid of the Friends of Humshaugh School

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 11th December: Class 2 DT Food Tech-small container please

Thursday 14th December: Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December: Class 1 (EYFS) Wiggly Nativity 9.30am

Crib service at St. Peter's Church

Monday 18th December: NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Y1-4 Christmas theatre trip-Snow White-Queens Hall, Hexham -**please provide a packed lunch for children to eat on their return to school**

Tuesday 19th December: Y1-4 Christmas performance 9.15am and 2.00pm

Wednesday 20th December: Last swimming of this term (resumes on the first Wednesday back)

Thursday 21st December: Christmas Party and special visitor! **NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM-CHRISTMAS/SPARKLY TOPS AND JUMPERS!**

Friday 22nd December: Last day of Autumn 2

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

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.00PM

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