



**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (3 PAGES)**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Well done to the children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 who ALL achieved 100% attendance this week- **FANTASTIC!!!**

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE %</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|
| RECEPTION   | 100%                |
| YEAR 1      | 100%                |
| YEAR 2      | 100%                |
| YEAR 3      | 100%                |
| YEAR 4      | 100%                |

### **COMMUNICATON**

Can we remind parents that if you need to communicate with school that you do so via the landline 01434 681 408 or email: [admin@humshaugh.northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:admin@humshaugh.northumberland.gov.uk).

**PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT STAFF MEMBERS VIA THEIR PERSONAL MOBILE OR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS.**

**Please bear in mind that teachers can respond to emails from parents between 8.30am and 4.00pm.**

**If emails are sent to teachers out of these hours, they will do their best to respond as soon as they can.**

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

The DfE have confirmed that as long as schools continue to consider how the arrangements for after school clubs fit in with their wider protective measures, including being consistent with how they operate throughout the school day they should be able to continue as this is reasonable to enable parents to work.

**Both Sports club and Zumba will continue throughout Lockdown 2.0 unless the guidance changes.**

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

The children were brilliant on Wednesday with Ivan from Shutterbugz. Mrs Dodd will be in touch in due course with links to view and order photographs.

### **STAR OF WEEK**

Well done to our **Super stars**: Arthur B and Emily and our **Handwriting Heroes**: Charlie, William JG, Josie and William R. The **Kindness award** was presented to Cayden and the **Perseverance award** was presented to Izic. Well done to both of them. They have the brave knight duck and a light up heart on their desk for the first week after half term.

We have also launched a brand new award this week-the **HELPING HAND award**. This is presented to the pupil who has been most polite and helpful all week. We are delighted that the first recipient is Kate who always has immaculate manners and is always willing to be helpful to other children and grown-ups-very well done Kate!



The children in EYFS have been receiving a 'Star of the day' award and a photo is sent to parents on a daily basis. Well done to this week's EYFS 'Star of the Week', Lilly, for being kind and helpful and the Handwriting Hero-Bertie!

## **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**

We have been talking about stress and Mental Health this week as it is National Stress Week and it has led to some very interesting discussion with the children. As a result, children in Class 2 and 3 will have the opportunity over the next few weeks to work with their teachers in smaller groups to discuss any worries or concerns they have especially with regards to the current pandemic situation.

## **ODDSOCKS-Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Odd Socks day takes place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week each year to help raise awareness of bullying. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school. School will make a donation to the Anti-bullying Alliance on your behalf.

## **HOOPSTARZ**



The children in Class 2 and 3 had a fantastic time with Tracey from **Hoopstarz** on Tuesday. The hula hooping was incredible and the children embraced the sessions with joy and enthusiasm. Each child received a certificate. There are more photos on our website. We hope to invite Tracey back in the Spring term for more sessions with Class 1, 2 and 3.

## **VIRTUAL AUTHOR SESSIONS**

We have joined with Acomb and Newbrough schools to take part in two virtual author sessions.

The first is with **Robert Starling on Wednesday 18th November** and the second is with **Tracey Corderoy on Friday 20th November (This will be instead of Forest School).**

The children will learn about the authors and have the opportunity to ask questions and listen to them reading their books.

Follow the links below to find out more about the authors and their books.

<https://robstarling.co.uk/index.html>

<http://www.traceycorderoy.com/>

## **NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST**

[https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/?mc\\_cid=42bb0d8bd6&mc\\_eid=7bddae09e9](https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/?mc_cid=42bb0d8bd6&mc_eid=7bddae09e9)

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.



## **AUTHOR OF THE WEEK: Bali Rai**

Read two short stories, watch a creative writing video and download activities to mark Remembrance Day.

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICE DVD**

You will have received an email from Mrs Dodd about our invitation from St Peter's Church to be part of their Christmas Service DVD. The DVD will feature bible readings and festive carols and will be distributed free of charge to all members of the parish in December.

The children in Y1-4 will sing 'Away in a Manger' and the children in Reception will create a Nativity tableaux in costume. The team organising the DVD are also going to share parts of it on the St Peter's Church Facebook page.

If you **DO NOT** consent to your child being part of the DVD please drop Mrs Dodd an email by **Monday 9th November at the latest. Filming is due to take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP**

Christmas will soon be here. We are planning to do our annual Christmas jumper day for Save the Children on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any Christmas jumpers that your child has outgrown, we would love to take them off your hands to add to our uniform swap trolley.

Please ensure items are in good condition and ideally washed before sending them into school.

### **PARENT SURVEY**

Thank you for your responses to our survey. I have attached the summary with this newsletter and uploaded it to our website.

### **PE KITS**

Please ensure children have returned their PE kits in school by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

11<sup>th</sup> Nov: Remembrance Collective Worship-Rev. Sarah

16<sup>th</sup> Nov: Wear odd socks to school to mark the start of Anti-bullying week

18<sup>th</sup> Nov: Robert Starling virtual author session

20<sup>th</sup> Nov: Tracey Corderoy virtual author session

11<sup>th</sup> Dec: Save the Children Christmas jumper day

14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Orienteering Festival (Y3+4)

15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas party p.m.

18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Break for Christmas