



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term ~ Issue 4 ~ Friday 29th September 2023

Message from Miss Caygill Head of School

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a productive week in school again with learning and routines well established in each class.

The stormy weather this week was a reminder that we continue to need children to bring the correct clothing for school in the Autumn Term.

Please ensure your child has their coat with them every day.

It has been great to share our events in and out of school on Facebook this week and we really appreciate the interactions from our followers with our learning. **Please continue to share the page with family and friends.**

Our Friday morning celebration assembly is a great success again this year with a good number of parents and grandparents joining us each week. It really is a wonderful time to meet together. Our assemblies are for the whole school and all families (with Nursery joining us after half term). Like our 'meet the teacher' events, these are great opportunities for families to find out what happens within school. Please also do speak to class teachers if you have any questions about your child's learning and **continue to read this newsletter for all important information each week.** Your support and involvement really are the key to learning success for all our children.

Enjoy your weekend!

Miss Caygill

This week's **STAR LEARNERS**



Class 1- Esther for super work in phonics and also working well on her pencil grip.

Jack C for listening well and working hard on his English work.

Class 2 – Reuben for showing good knowledge of descriptive writing especially with expanded noun phrases.

Sofia for settling into her new school here at Hawes Primary and Class 2 so well this week!

Class 3 – Harry Fa for a fantastic effort in English lessons – using and applying his knowledge when writing.

Edwin – for always showing a positive attitude towards his learning.

Attendance

Class 1-98.75%

Class 2-96.61%

Class 3-98.82%

Whole School-98.3%

Upcoming Dates



Thursday 5th October

- Wensleydale School Open evening for Y5 & 6

Wednesday 11th October

- School Photos

Friday 27th October

- End of half term

Monday 6th November

- Start of second half term

Tuesday 7th November

- Flu nasal spray for R – Y6

Clubs after School

Tuesday – Yoga – 3.15 – 4.30pm

Thursday – Zumba – 3.15 – **4.15pm**
please note earlier finish

Friday – Multiskills – 3.15 – 4.30pm

Head of School Award

**Robert for his
continued
helpful attitude
towards others
across school**

SCHOOL OFFICE UPDATES

IMPORTANT! School Governors required!

This term, we are again in need of a recruitment drive for **more members to join our Local Governing Body and be part of this very important and rewarding work for our school.** We now have vacancies for **2 parents or grandparents as Parent Governors**, plus 1 Co-opted Governor (a member of the community who is not related to a pupil and does not work in school). No particular experience or skills needed, just a willingness to get involved and give a little of your time to help support and make a real difference to your school. The Governor team is very small, friendly and welcoming and we benefit from excellent support from our YCAT family of schools. If you would like to know more, please contact school to speak to Mrs Walker or Miss Caygill, or ask our Chair of Governors, Abbie Rhodes. We do hope to hear from you soon!

School Library open weekly – exciting new event!

The school library is now open after school on a Thursday evening from 3.20 until 3.45 for children, siblings and parents to browse, borrow/return a book and read together. **Please come along!**

Family Swimming

Don't forget to use your free swimming passes to Richmond and Catterick swimming pools this year!

School Photos

The school photographer is coming to school on Wednesday 11th October to take individual/family photos. If you would like a family photo with **younger siblings who are not at school** please come to school at 8.30am with your family. Please state your requirements below as **your child will not have a photo taken unless you sign** and return this slip. Please circle your requirements, sign and return to school **before Friday 6th October. A paper copy has been given to your child.**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Name of child/ren.....

Family photo before school YES/NO

Family photo during school time YES/NO

Single photo YES/NO

NO photo YES/NO

(Please circle/highlight choice)

Signed.....Parent/Guardian

Mental Well-being News

Following on, from our successful **Wellbeing Walks** during the Summer Term, our pupils and staff will be walking again during the week of Monday 9th October to Friday 13th October. This also links with Adult Mental Health Week. These walks will take place at lunchtime and follow the same route as last time. Please can all children make sure that they have a coat in school to wear and suitable footwear, as we know how unpredictable the weather can be!

Also, **on Thursday 12th October, whilst our library is open after school, we will be offering refreshments alongside choosing our books and chatting – please do join us if you can!**

Walking, reading and conversation are all proven to help with our mental well-being.

New Games Lunchtime Club

On a Tuesday lunchtime Miss Caygill will run a club which will include playing board games, card games and dominoes. The Club will start next Tuesday at 12.30pm and we will be playing dominoes. There is quite a lot of interest for the club from across school, so we will start with the KS2 children. As we progress with the KS2 children, we would like to train them to work with the younger children, who will be included after half term.

If anyone has any games - either board or card games - in good condition that they no longer use, then we would be very grateful of them in school to help resource this exciting new venture and addition to our extra-curricular offer.

EYFS Questionnaire

The Nursery and Reception children have a questionnaire in their bags around the induction into school. Please can parents/carers fill them in and return them to school by the 13th October. This will assist us with our future induction processes.

Message from Mrs. Walker - *Executive Head teacher*

This week, I would first like to highlight some great examples of how **our Curriculum Drivers (Adventure, Wellbeing, Community and Global Awareness)** and vision **'to take our learning to different places'** are truly inspiring our curriculum and learning in and out of school. On Tuesday, **Class 3** took their **Geography** learning on an **adventure** into the **community** with a fascinating visit to Wensleydale Creamery as part of their unit on local land use— lots of questions were asked and answered about how this local industry has become such an important part of our town and farming community. **Reception** have been busy **planting bulbs** this week, both supporting the future **wellbeing** of our school **community** through the joy they will bring us in Spring and enabling the pupils to **adventure** into some outdoor learning through gardening. **All classes** have also been benefitting from a new **adventure** in our **Music** curriculum – enjoying specialist lessons led by music expert Mrs Turvey weekly across the first half of the Autumn Term as well as her usual time with us in the summer; this is contributing to our **wellbeing** and sense of **community** through the fun that making music together brings, as well as enriching **global awareness** with the introduction of African drumming for Class 3.

On Thursday morning, I joined Miss Caygill and Mrs Brown, our English Subject Leader, to share visits into all classes and spend time talking to groups of pupils to see how our **English** learning is getting on so far this term. We found all pupils keen to share their learning and well-engaged in their lessons. In Phonics, Reception and Y1 were eagerly learning new sounds. In Writing, this term our curriculum focus is on checking that last year's learning is really secure before moving on to new learning. Classes 1 and 2 were seen developing effective vocabulary, using nouns/adjectives/verbs and commas; Class 3 were revising the different clauses in sentences and use of adverbials. All pupils also could share examples of how they are being **good learners and what helps them to learn best in school...** more details to follow on this aspect in future weeks!

Photo Gallery



Moorcock Show
handwriting
winners presented
with their prizes.
Class 3 visit to the
Wensleydale
Creamery.
Reception children
planting bulbs in
the school grounds.