



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

As we come to the end of another term, it is amazing to reflect back on what we have accomplished in the 15 weeks since September...

A Science Fair week with some wonderful experiments that children had chosen and presented to their class, Class visits to Holy Island, A theatre visit, An exciting, local train ride, Harvest festival at our local church, Remembrance Day service at Holy Cross Church, A workshop Wednesday and Together Tuesday, Anti-bullying day, Planting trees and willow to create a new woodland area, Our first Bedtime Stories event, Parent consultations to share with parents how wonderful the children are, World Cup day, NSPCC workshops, An Art fair week where children shared their incredible art homework with the class, Supporting Children in Need, A Christingle Service, A school Fair and two Christmas performances!

Without the hard-work and dedication of our amazing teachers and teaching assistants, supported by our non-classroom based staff, it would be very difficult to offer our community the wonderful things we do. So may I take this opportunity to thank them all and hope they have a well-deserved rest over Christmas!

We continue to be incredibly proud of your children and the heart and soul they give to our school. On behalf of the staff at Greenhead, thank you for your never-ending support and have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year,

Best Wishes, Mr Glenton

Christingle Service

We had a jam-packed Christingle service two weeks ago where the children made their own Christingle in church to represent the light of Christ, God's love and the gifts we are given. The children sang beautifully and listened well to Father Steve who gave us a sermon to celebrate this festive time of year. We hope the children enjoyed taking their Christingles home and lighting them as you have prepared for Christmas Day - it feels like it has come around very quickly! The school has made a donation to the Children's Society to mark our service and to support the wonderful work they do.

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden we have really enjoyed our book the gingerbread man. The children carried out a science experiment to find out what would happen if the gingerbread man fell into different liquids whilst running away. They all remembered about fair testing from our last experiment and made sure to use the same type of container, the same amount of liquid and same amount of time They made some great predictions and comments on the results. At home the children can observe changing materials when cooking such as making their toast in the morning, helping to cook eggs or melting chocolate.

Clyde Class

Clyde Class have been very busy practising our Nativity play this week. We have been using different strategies to solve take away calculations during Maths. In English we have been learning to write a set of instructions on how to plant trees. To support your child at home they could explore different set of instructions and see if they can follow them. We have started learning about seas and oceans that surround the UK using Atlases. We have also had lots of fun with our friends from Henshaw when we went to watch Wind in the Willows at the Queen's Hall.

Danube Class

We have really enjoyed creating the gifts in Danube class (to sell) for the Christmas fair. We printed festive cards, created our own wrapping paper and decorated glass tea light holders. All these activities along with practising our play has really put us in a Christmas mood! We enjoyed doing our 'walk and talk' in the frosty weather this week. During this time we discussed, what we were looking forward to most at Christmas and how we were planning to celebrate over the holidays. In English, we have been looking at a variety of poems and discussing what we have enjoyed about reading them. We continue to appreciate your support at home in helping the children with their spellings, reading and times tables. Over the holidays we would be grateful for the continuation of this support, so that they are ready to learn when they come back. We wish you all a very, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have had lots going on during the past couple of weeks! We have enjoyed practising for our play and can't wait to perform for our families. In English, we have begun to understand how to write a balanced argument based on our class reader Macbeth - we are currently debating whether Macbeth was good or bad and are finding evidence to support our arguments. We have also begun our new Geography topic Frozen Kingdoms - ask your child if they can remember how cold it can get in the Arctic Region!



Our School Promise

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

Learning Award - Eden Class & Tommy

Resilience & Teamwork award - Ruby & Harrison

Etiquette award - Lily & George F

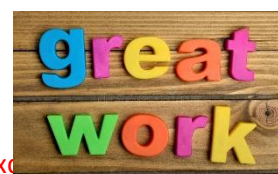
Environmental award - Harry

Kindness award - Jasper, Everlyne & Bonnie

Inclusion award - Layla

Friendship award - Freya

Role model award - Ella-Mae & Khloe



Attendance: Every day is important to give children their full entitlement to an excellent education

Eden - 98.18% Clyde - 92.98% Danube - 95.04% Mississippi - 93.32%

Whole School - 94.21%

Postcards continue to be sent home to nominated children to celebrate their achievements

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below

Drastic effect on academic achievement

95%-90%

Cause for concern

100%-96%

Excellent

Wind in the Willows Theatre Visit

Last week, children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 travelled to the Queen's Hall in Hexham to watch a stage production of 'Wind in the Willows'. It was a fantastic show with lots of thrills and excitement and it was lovely to hear the children come back to school retelling this famous tale, especially the funny parts involving Mr Toad!



Key Stage 2 Performance of The Muppets Christmas Carol

We are very excited to be performing 'The Muppets Christmas Carol' at Haydon Bridge High School on Thursday. If your child is staying after the first performance (which starts at 2:30pm, doors open at 2:15pm), please could you ensure they have a snack with them as well as their packed lunch for the day. Our second performance will be at 5pm (doors open at 4:45pm) and at the end of the performance, if we can ask parents to gather at the front entrance of the school, we will dismiss children from there. It's going to be a magnificent show!

Chocolate Spread.....

Can we remind parents that we are a nut-free and healthy school. Children should not be bringing into school chocolate spread in their sandwiches for these reasons.

Christmas Fair and Christmas Dinner

We raised a fantastic £352.90 during our Christmas Fair - thank you so much for your generosity for the tombola, class stalls and the teddy stall! This fundraising will go directly to building more enrichment opportunities for your children into our already amazing curriculum. The school also enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner cooked by our wonderful Mrs Hancock - what a wonderful meal we all enjoyed and thank you to Mrs Hancock, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Kirsopp for this festive treat.

Christmas parties and Santa is coming to town...

Our Christmas class parties will take place on Friday afternoon. If your child would like to wear party clothes for this, please could they bring these in in a named carrier bag and they can change out of their school uniform after lunch. All teachers sent home food request slips last week - please could children also bring requests in on Friday but can I remind parents that we are a nut free school. We can't wait for our party games, Christmas banquet and possibly a surprise visit from Santa...

Wednesday 21st December - Key Stage 2 dress rehearsals at HBHS

Thursday 22nd December 2:30pm and 5pm - Key Stage 2 Christmas performance

Thursday 22nd December - PTA Chocolate Hampers draw

Friday 23rd December - Christmas parties and Santa is coming to school!

Friday 23rd December - PTA 100 club draw

Monday 9th January - Children return to school

Monday 9th January - UKS2 swimming (Mississippi class)

Wednesday 18th January - Workshop Wednesday 2:00pm- 3:00pm - All parents and grandparents welcome to join in with their child's learning in class

Wednesday 25th January - Year 6 to Durham University to start their Scholars programme

A final thought...

Christmas is the day that holds time together

Alexander Smith



