



Greenhead CE Primary

School Newsletter

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Welcome back and Happy New Year!

It was lovely to see all the children and staff back in school this week after the Christmas break.

We are looking forward to the new Spring Term and starting our new topics.

This term the children are learning:

- Reception - Starry Night.
- Year 1 and 2 - Bright Lights, Big City.
- Year 3 and 4 - Rocks, Relics and Rumbles.
- Year 5 and 6 - Sow, Grow and Farm

COVID UPDATE

As you will be aware, the rules around COVID testing have changed once again.

We recommend checking the gov.uk website for up to date guidance. Attached is an updated (as at 04/01/2022) flowchart for your information/assistance.

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STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Cadence for identifying different light and dark areas in school.

Class 1: Tommy for settling into class well and some excellent writing about what happens at a Royal Garden Party.

Class 2: All of Class 2! Miss Callaghan and Mrs Hosking are super proud of the whole class for coming back to school with smiles on their faces and excited to learn.

They have all worked really hard this week and deserve this award.

Class 3: All of the upper key stage two children for settling back in and working so hard this week!

Head Teacher award.

All the year 3 and 4 children for making Mrs Fairless feel so welcome in class on Thursday morning, it was a pleasure working with you all!

LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

RECEPTION

This week the children have been identifying photographs taken around school in the dark and in the light, as our new topic is Starry Night.

They have been recognising the digit '0' in and around school, proving to be super detectives.

We have been reading the book "Peace at Last" by Jill Murphy, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

CLASS 1

This week we have been working hard in Maths. Year 1 have been looking at addition and subtraction by counting on and Year 2 have started learning about equal and unequal groups. In English we have been learning about what a Royal Garden Party is and looking at the different seasons throughout the year and comparing them.

We learnt about how important teamwork is in Commando Joe's.

CLASS 2

It has been fantastic to see the smiling faces of class 2 again this week.

Mrs Hosking has loved hearing all about everyone's adventures over the Christmas break and Miss Callaghan can't wait to catch up with everyone soon.

The children began their first week back by thinking about their goals for 2022 and reflecting upon what went well last year.

In our English sessions, we have been learning about non-chronological reports and finding the features of these texts.

Our maths sessions have focused on understanding multiplication and representing it using arrays. Mrs Hosking was particularly impressed with everybody's location knowledge in this week's geography lesson, where the children have focused on the four countries of the UK. Finally, it was great to see everyone working together during this week's Commando Joes session.

CLASS 3

Year 5 and 6 have made a great start back this week. It has been lovely to welcome them all back into school and hear about their Christmas and New Year experiences!

This week we have completed our topic and science pop tasks around our new topic; Sow, grow and farm and human reproduction and ageing.

In English we are focussing on Non-chronological reports and this week we have been looking at captions and precise topic vocabulary.

In Maths the year 5 children have been working on estimating and calculating area of shapes and irregular shapes.

The year 6 children have been reading coordinates on graphs including quadrants.

Well done everyone, you have been working incredibly hard this week!

SWIMMING CLASS 1 (YEAR 1/Year2)

Just a reminder that swimming with start on Tuesday 11th January for our Class 1 children. Goggles and one piece costumes required each week.

PE will be on Monday and Wednesday.

This week's attendance

Reception	100%☺
Year 1	93%
Year 2	80%
Year 3	100%☺
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	100%☺
Year 6	89%
Overall	94%

Adverse weather: school closures.

In the case of adverse weather conditions, school closure announcements will be posted on Greenhead Primary School website (www.greenhead.northumberland.sch.uk) and Facebook page; Northumberland County Council website(www.northumberland.gov.uk), Facebook (www.facebook.com/nccalerts) & Twitter (www.twitter.com/northumberlands) pages and on local radio stations (e.g. BBC Radio Newcastle).

In the case of a school closure during the school day, we will contact you as soon as possible to confirm arrangements.

Please could you ensure that your contact details are up to date.

Thank you.

NUFC

This term, children are to come into school wearing their P.E kit on the following days:

- Monday – everyone for NUFC
- Tuesday - **KS1 only for swimming**
- Wednesday - everyone for Commando Joes

Lockerbie instalments – Class 3

Just a reminder that money for the residential trip can be paid in at any time.

The instalments have been uploaded onto School Gateway.

Suggested instalments are as follows:

- ✱ £60 by 31 January 2022
- ✱ £60 by 31 March 2022
- ✱ £60 by 31 May 2022.

Bikeability

We will be participating in the Bikeability scheme with our Year 3 and Year 4 children.

Can you please ensure your child has a safe, working bike and helmet for Friday 4th February as they will be participating in their level 1 bikeability certificate.

Any problems, please contact Mrs Coleman in the school office.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – UPDATE

From Monday 10th January 2022 we will be offering **Breakfast Club ONLY**.

There will be **no Afterschool Club** due to staff shortage.

We hope to be back open for both clubs from Monday 17th January at the very latest.

Any changes before then will be emailed through to you all.

Diary Dates:

As we have a busy Spring term ahead, here are some dates for your diaries to keep you informed:

- 11th January - KS1 Swimming
- 4th February 2022 - Bikeability Level 1; Years 3 and 4
- 8th February 2022 - Safer Internet Day
- 11th February 2022 - Lego Workshop in school (more details to follow shortly)

DIARY

WANTED – FOIL CRISP/SNACK BAGS!

Everyone is collecting crisp packets (**foil kind only please such as Quavers™, Walkers™, Doritos™ and Skips™**)!

After watching Newsround this week, Class 1 (Years 1&2) has been inspired to create foil blankets for the homeless people to keep warm during the cold months. They have now challenged the whole school to see who can bring in the most foil packets and make the most blankets.

If you have any empty foil crisp packets at home, **please could you wash them first** before sending them in to help us make our blankets.

Thank you.

SATs Club – Mrs Fairless

I will be holding a SATs club every Wednesday night from 3pm to 4pm for the year 6 children, starting next week, 12th January until Wednesday 6th April. I would like all the year 6 children to participate as we will be looking at past SATs papers and having a go at the questions. This will help prepare the children for their SATs in May. Please encourage your child to attend. I may even offer them tea and a biscuit!!

Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds menu

(please note this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken casserole & dumplings with mash	Salmon & dill fishcake, salad potatoes	Mince pie with mash	Lasagne	Cheese burger in a bun with potato crisps
OR				
Baguette with filling	Pasta and chicken with salad	Baguette with filling	Jacket potato with filling	Pasta
WITH				
Beetroot Mixed veg	Carrot sticks	Peas and baby carrots	Corn on the cob	Cucumber sticks
Carrot cake	Oaty biscuit and fruit juice	Strawberry and meringue cheesecake	Pineapple upside down pudding with custard	Chocolate, raspberry & white chocolate brownie and milkshake
Fresh fruit/Yogurt				

Yours

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