



Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

What a great start we have had to the year! The children have settled into their new year groups and have had some wonderful learning experiences to engage them in their learning. It was our pleasure to welcome so many parents into our school for the Workshop Wednesday, where you could share in maths games with your children. We hope you also enjoyed our Harvest Festival and the lovely singing from the children; it is a bit daunting to stand up and sing or speak in front of others and we are proud of each and every one of them!

Please can I remind parents and carers of our class emails which can be used to contact class teachers in the first instance if there are any messages or concerns. Please feel free to ring the office, who can make an appointment for you to speak to the class teacher if needed. Thank you for continuing to ring or email the school office promptly if your child is absent from school. If your child has a medical appointment, as per County guidelines, please can you pop the appointment letter into school so we can add it for our records.

We hope you have a lovely half term, please remember parent consultations on the first week back after and then we will be racing towards Christmas; it'll soon be here!

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Parent Consultations

Parents evening will be held the first week back after half term and you should have received a reply slip from school informing you of the day and time of your appointment. If you have not received a reply slip, please feel free to email your class teacher via the class email address to arrange this. Parent consultations are a really important way for you to liaise with class teachers to find out how your child is progressing in school and to raise any questions you may have. I hope you find these useful and you will have the opportunity to have a look through the wonderful work your child has produced in their first half term. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Class News

Eden Class

Eden class have continued learning about God's wonderful creations and have enjoyed finding out about how we celebrate Harvest. The children harvested vegetables from the School allotment and made delicious meals using them, such as soup and pasties. It is great to see how proud they all are of their efforts and a growing appreciation for home grown produce. We have read the story 'The Enormous Turnip' and created story maps and vegetable print artwork. Why not ask your child if they can re-tell you the story. Maybe your child would like to create their own version, choosing a different vegetable or helpers.

Clyde Class

Over the last few weeks Clyde Class have enjoyed taking part in some PSCH lessons linked to kind words. During English we have been writing thank you letters to the Witch from Room on the Broom. In Maths, year 1 have been exploring part whole models and year 2 have been learning how to add by making 10 first using a range of resources. To help support your child at home practise writing the numbers in digits and in words using any mark making materials such as chalk or paint. We have also been learning about Mary Seacole during Black History afternoon where we created a fact file about her and looked at how the hospitals have changed over time.

Danube Class

In Danube class we enjoyed learning about the Windrush generation, the people who came to England on a boat called the Empire Windrush. In maths Year 4 have been learning about area and Year 3 have been solving problems with addition across 100. We appreciate your continued support with the children learning their times tables. We enjoyed sharing our music homework with each other in class. There was no piece of homework the same and it was really enjoyable listening to their points of view about the artists they had chosen.

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class recently enjoyed a trip to the Queens Hall in Hexham to see a performance of I Believe in Unicorns by our class author, Michael Morpurgo. We had an absolutely fantastic time and it was amazing to see the book brought to life. We have just finished our area and perimeter units in maths and have enjoyed writing poems and non-chronological reports in English. In History, we spent an afternoon learning all about Black History month and why it is celebrated, as well as researching some significant black individuals. From next half term, spellings will be on Spelling Shed every Friday - please encourage your child to practise these.

Have a lovely half term!



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 - Noah, Esther, George H

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Jessica B, Paige, Clyde Class

Etiquette Award - Jasper, Layla

Environmental Award - Harrison, Fraser

Kindness Award - Phoebe, Finn, Lily, James W, Conan

Inclusion Award - Harry, Briar

Friendship Award - Freya, Harris

Role model Award - George H, Freya, Evie B

Attendance: Every day is important to give children their full entitlement to an exciting learning journey

Eden - 99.07%

Clyde - 93%

Danube - 95.1%

Mississippi - 97.1%

Whole School - 96%

Our target for attendance is 96%



Online safety

Keeping children safe from the dangers of the online world can be tricky. At school, we have used our first half term to guide children to make sensible choices around their online and gaming experiences. Tik Tok, Facebook and computer games all come with appropriate age directions to guide parents and pupils to ensure it is suitable for them to view. Please work with the school and let us know if you have any concerns or queries about online safety and social networks.

Staffing update

Miss Thompson will be running Greenhead Early Years Unit full time from Monday to Friday, as class teacher after half term. She will continue to work closely with the early years team to provide a great early years experience for our youngest children. Mrs Mitchell will be using her Forest School expertise at our sister school; Henshaw, with Miss Thompson taking over the excellent provision Mrs Mitchell has put in place at Greenhead. Mrs Mitchell will continue to teach in Danube Class on Monday and Tuesday.

2, 3 and 4 year-old provision

We now only have a few spaces available in our fantastic indoor and outdoor nursery provision for children aged 2 and above from January 2024.

All sessions are run by our wonderful qualified teacher and early years assistants.

Spaces available for fee paying and 15 and 30 hours funded children.

Please call the school for more information.

Christmas Dinner, Nativity and Performances

We are thrilled to announce that Year 3-6 will once again be performing their Christmas show at Haydon Bridge High School this year after the wonderful success of last year. I can now confirm the date for this will be

Friday 15th December and the performances will be at 2pm and 4:30pm.

Reception and Year 1.2 will be doing their Christmas performance on

Thursday 7th December at 2pm.

Our Christingle service at Greenhead Church will be on **Tuesday 19th December at 9am**, with adults welcome to attend.

Christmas Dinner will be on **Thursday 21st December.**

Dates for the diary

Friday 27th October - Last Day of half term, school returns on **Monday 6th November**

Week commencing 6th November - Parent consultation week

Friday 10th November - Remembrance Day Celebration at Holy Cross Church, Haltwhistle 10:30am for a 10:40am start. All welcome; please see attached flier

Week commencing 13th November - Extra curriculum Afterschool clubs begin

Thursday 23rd November - Bedtime stories event at school for Reception to Year 6, 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 22nd November - Author visit for Mississippi Class - Andy Ruffell

Friday 24th November - Kids Action Through Science Workshops begin with Danube Class

Tuesday 28th November - Bikeability training; more information to follow soon

Thursday 30th November - Green Day

A final thought...

Rest when you are weary. Refresh and renew yourself, your mind, your body, your spirit. Then get back to work!

Ralph Marston