



## **Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter**

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### **A Message from the Head Teacher**

Welcome back everybody! I hope you all had a lovely, restful and enjoyable summer holidays with your families. It has been wonderful to see the children all return to school with so much energy and being so eager to learn. Thank you everyone for abiding by the uniform policy, the children look so smart and ready to learn.

I would really like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the staff at school. They have been in during their summer holidays to reinvigorate our classrooms and learning spaces to ensure they are conducive and effective spaces for teaching and learning. We have a great team of professionals; both working inside and outside the classrooms and I feel truly blessed to work with such a caring and hard-working group of individuals - they really do everything they can for your children.

It has also been remarkable to see how much the inside (and outside) of school has been lifted by the redecoration and it was lovely to hear your thoughts and opinions on this during our Together Tuesday event this week. We will continue to 'flatten the walls' of the school with upcoming events like our Harvest Festival and Workshop Wednesdays - we hope to see you there.

We were all deeply saddened by the news of the Queen's death this week and have ensured that the children have been able to express their feelings and remember the wonderful things that our monarch achieved in her life. We hope you are able to come together as a family this Bank Holiday to celebrate her life. Best wishes, Mr Glenton

### **A message from our new Assistant Head Teacher**

As I settle into my new role as Assistant Headteacher, it has been lovely to see all the children being so positive about their learning and looking after each other whilst they all settle into their new classes. In my role as Assistant Headteacher, I will be looking forward to working with our school council; where I will be supporting the children's ideas and problems to work together to find solutions to improve the children's education and opportunities to flourish. During the Autumn term, I aim to provide enrichment opportunities for the children to be engaged in Science and RE activities where they can grow and make fantastic progress within their learning.

Mrs Makepeace



## Class News

### Eden Class

I am thrilled with how well the children have settled into Reception, they have learnt the daily routines and enjoyed exploring our lovely school environment. We have read lots of Elmer stories and discussed what makes us unique and created some brilliant self-portraits. Using our maths skills we followed a recipe and measured out ingredients to make a delicious apple crumble. The children enjoyed eating this together and used their senses to describe smell, appearance, taste and texture.

### Clyde Class

The children in Clyde class have been superstars since they have come back to school with a positive attitude towards their work. We have started working on some significant people like Rosa Parks and George Stephenson. In Maths Year 1 have been sorting and counting objects, you can support your child at home by encouraging them to count objects and sort different objects (toy toys) in groups. In Year 2, we have been looking at recognising tens and ones within numbers using different resources. You can support your child at home by using different objects to represent numbers (breadsticks to represent tens and raisins to represent ones).

### Danube Class

We have been so impressed with the positive attitudes of the children towards their schoolwork in Danube class this week. In maths we have been focusing on place value. It would be helpful if parents/carers could encourage the children to identify numbers at home or out and about in their local area. We have also been using our new Surface Pro's in our computing lesson this week. We have been learning about how a digital device works.

### Mississippi Class

This week in Mississippi class we have enjoyed getting back into a routine and finding out what we will be learning this half term. In English, we have been working on biographies and the children acted out the roles of Romeo and Juliet to find out more information about their lives - we found out lots of information and the children played the roles brilliantly! In Maths, year 5 have been looking at numbers to 1 million and year 6 have been looking at numbers to 10 million. In French, we learned the days of the week. Ask your child at home if they can remember the days of the week in French.





## Our School Promise

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

### The Values of Our School

Wisdom gives us strength in all we do

Endurance keeps us going, trust in teamwork too

A thankfulness to God and community is right

Respecting his creation, the gifts we hold tight

Everyone's forgiven, kindness big and small

We value humility, justice for all

Peace and friendship for all to see

Striving for koinonia is where we want to be



Staff nominate children who have shown these values in our schools and have been role models for our Christian values in our weekly Celebration Assembly.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:



Learning Award - Joe, Noah

Resilience & Teamwork award - Jessica J, Evie H, Katie

Etiquette award - Harrison, Jack H, George H

Environmental award - Iyla, Everlynne, Ellie, Jessica F

Kindness award - Phoebe, Finley

Inclusion award - Freya, Eden class

Friendship award - Jasper, Faith

Role model award - George F, Everlynne, Ellie



Each week, other children receive a postcard through the post to let their adults know how proud of them we are.

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

Eden - 100%

Clyde - 96.6%

Danube - 96.6%

Mississippi - 97.1%

### Pre-loved School Uniform

We still have a stock of pre-loved uniform if any families require any uniform. Please contact the school office if we can help. We are asking for a small donation for any uniform required which will go towards replenishing our pre-loved stock.



## Enrichment at Greenhead Primary School

What a great start to the year; seeing so many children taking up the offer of our after school clubs and activities. Thank you to the teachers and coaches for providing these opportunities for our children. Teachers are currently researching possible visits for their classes this term - watch this space!

Next week, we will start whole class singing lessons which will be delivered by Northumberland music services. Mississippi Class can't wait for their ukulele lessons that will start on Wednesday too and are really enjoying their swimming lessons. Thank you to Miss Mitchell for planning and delivering our Forest School sessions for Reception and Year One this half term. We continue to have NUFC and Commando Joes in for our children which provides expert coaching and gives the children experience of problem-solving and teamwork in sport.

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Father Steve's collective worship at school

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September - First singing lessons and ukulele lessons

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - NSPCC workshops for year 5 and 6

- 09.00 PSHE parent meeting with Mrs Clarke (or 2.45pm@ Henshaw)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Discovery visit at Hadrian's wall for year 5 and 6

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Individual photos

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Celebrations at Greenhead Church 9:30am - parents/carers welcome

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Workshop Wednesday 9:00am - 10:15am - parent/carers welcome

## Our Facebook Page and New Website - Have you checked it out?

Our website has had a facelift and now contains lots of information, photos and useful links. If you have a look at your child's class page, you will find information about their current curriculum including spellings, curriculum grids and long-term plans.

We will continue to use our Facebook post to share with you the wonderful things and news of what we do in and around school and our local area. Thank you for all the likes!

## NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops

Next week, the children across the Federation will be learning to 'Stay Safe Like Pantosaurus' when they will explore how to speak up and stay safe. Children in Year 1 to 6 will have an assembly which will be followed by a workshop for Year 5 and 6 children. This will ensure our children know what to do if they feel uncomfortable about a situation. Please see the attached letter for more information on the important role the NSPCC plays.



## A final thought...

It's never too late to be what you might have been George Elliott