



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Hello everyone, I hope this newsletter finds you all well (there are definitely a few sniffles and cold going around!) We are now in full swing preparing for our Christmas productions, the children are very excited to show you what they can do and the teachers have been working incredibly hard to put on a show which illustrates how fantastic all our children are at Greenhead Primary School.

In the last couple of weeks, we have seen both our World Cup Day and Children In Need. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring their chosen country, including cookery and games. For Children in Need, we raised an amazing £71.89 which has now been donated to the charity to help children from our country and region.

Once again, we have been blown away by parents, carers and family support for our new 'project-style' homework. The children have been so proud to share their wonderful work with their peers and I have seen the adults in school beaming about how well the children have spoke and presented their high-quality project.

Next week is our Christingle service at our local church, please can I ask you to **email the office** if you would like to attend so we can make arrangements for seating and additional helpers. Our Christmas Fair is also coming up the week after and all donations are very welcome and appreciated (please see the section below).

Best, festive wishes, Mr Glenton

Donations for the Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair on **Thursday 15th December at 3:20pm** is fast approaching! Thank you to all families who sent their children in with a chocolate donation to enable us to make hampers up for our raffles.

Please could we ask that donations of pre-loved teddies (that need to be adopted and may be taking up much-needed house space) come into school next week. We would also be very grateful for anything for our tombola stall (such as candles, smellies, games, sweets etc). All profits from our fair will go towards enrichment opportunities for your children. Can I also say a big thank you to the Friends of Greenhead who will also be supporting us at our Christmas Fair.

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden we have created some lovely Henri Matisse artwork, the children have practised their cutting skills and really thought about their collage technique. In maths we have read the Mr Men story 'Mr Rush' we looked at 2D shapes and learnt about their properties, counting how many sides and corners. The children made their own Mr Men pictures using 2D shapes. We have got so good at spotting shapes we went on a shape hunt around the school and outdoor areas. In our playdough area there have been wonderful shape cookies made for the Mr Men. You could challenge your child to identify the shape of the different road or street signs on your travels.

Clyde Class

In Clyde Class we have been busy writing letters to either David Attenborough or Greta Thunberg, hopefully we will get a reply. We have been enjoying our guided reading text Greta and the Giants and have learnt about how we can look after our planet. In Science we have been working scientifically to see how long it takes for an ice cube to melt. During forest school we have been making shelters using different materials and thinking of ways to make them stronger. In Maths we have continued to work on addition and subtraction. To support your child at home, see if they can add two groups of objects together (up to 10).

To support the year 2, see if they can add two groups, but each object is worth 10.

Danube Class

In Danube class this week we have been completing teamwork tasks during our NUFC lesson. We have been learning to solve problems and communicate effectively with each other. We have also been carrying out scientific investigations where we have been recording our results. We would be grateful if parents / caregivers could please support the children with learning their lines for our Christmas performance.

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have had a jam-packed couple of weeks! We have enjoyed learning how to use persuasive language and worked in groups to persuade our classmates about different things. We have also been writing persuasive letters in English based on our Guided Reading text. In Maths, we have been focussing on fractions and have worked very hard to understand how to add and subtract them. We shared our amazing Art project homework with each other and shared lots of new information about Andy Warhol. Finally, we have been learning all about how the First World War impacted Britain - ask your child if they can tell you some facts about the First World War.



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 - Finn, Ruben, Ellie, Everlynn & George H

Resilience & Teamwork award - Ella, Evie H, Harry & Phoebe

Etiquette award - Harrison, George F & Paige

Environmental award - Conan, Iyla, George H, Jack & Evie H

Kindness award - Jasper, Phoebe & Mississippi class

Inclusion award - Everlynn & Ellie

Friendship award - Khloe, Bonnie & Jess F

Role model award - Faith & Joe



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

Eden - 100%	Clyde - 85.8%	Danube - 85.8%	Mississippi - 91.6	Whole School - 89.6%
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Postcards continue to be sent home to nominated children to celebrate their achievements

Our outdoor areas

Even though the winter weather is here, we are continuing to use and develop our outdoor areas. This week has seen new trees being planted, the start of a willow tunnel (thank you Miss Mitchell!) & Reception and Year 2 working together in their Forest School sessions. Thank you for supporting our use of our woodland area by providing your child with wellies; giving your child the opportunity to use and explore our large, green outdoor spaces. A big thank you to Miss Mitchinson for doing such a wonderful job of clearing up any pesky mud (although the children are super careful) which finds its way into school!



Phonics Parent Workshop for Reception to Year 3 parents

Mrs Makepeace will be holding a parents' workshop for Reception to Year 3 parents at 2:45pm on Tuesday 6th December. This will be a fantastic opportunity for you to see how we teach reading (and specifically phonics) in Early Years, Key Stage 1 and the start of Key Stage 2 and will give you some handy tips on how to engage your child when exploring books.

Please contact the office if you can attend and we look forward to seeing you then.

Absence and Lateness

As it continues to get chillier and the usual festive bugs start to circulate, please can we remind parents to contact the school office by 9:15am if their child is going to be absent from school.

Please can we also remind parents that school starts at 8:45am and teachers provide early morning work from 8:50am so that learning can start straight away. Please ensure that your child has access to our full curriculum by making sure they are here on time each and every day.

A heads-up to Santa

From January, we will have lovely, new carpets starting to be fitted in classrooms to refresh our learning areas and to make them more comfortable for the children. From this time, we would like children to bring in cosy, slipper socks to wear in school when they are indoors. These can be kept in school through the week and sent home on a Friday to wash. I'm sure Santa may have some snuggly ones which could be delivered on Christmas Day...

Thursday 8th December 9:15am - Christingle Service at Greenhead Church; parents welcome

Wednesday 14th December - KS1 children to see Wind in The Willows, Queens Hall, Hexham

Thursday 15th December 3:20pm - 4:20pm - Christmas Fair at School

Monday 19th December 9:15am - Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas performance

Tuesday 20th December - Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 20th December - Christmas dinner at school (please inform the school if you would like your child to have a school dinner for this day if they do not usually have one).

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

Thursday 22nd December 2.30pm and 5pm - Key Stage 2 Christmas performance

Friday 23rd December - Christmas parties & special visitor coming to school! **SCHOOL CLOSES**

Monday 9th January - Children return to school

A message from Father Steve

We would like to offer our community a Church Crib Service on 18th December 4pm at Greenhead Church. Children can come dressed as any character you like from the Christmas story as we sing carols and tell the story of Christmas in church. There will be a Christmas party afterwards in the village hall. We hope to see you there!

A final thought...

None of us can buy goodwill; we must earn it

William Feather