



## **Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter**

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### **A Message From the Head Teacher**

Welcome to our first (new look) newsletter of the Summer term.

I would like to start by saying that it has been a pleasure to meet so many of you over the last term and I am now so excited to be an 'official' member of the Greenhead and Henshaw Primary Schools family. Over the past week, I have had the pleasure of visiting all classes frequently and getting to know the wonderful children in our school - they really are a credit to you all.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate Sherry Makepeace on her promotion to the post of Assistant Head Teacher within our Federation. Also, congratulations to Mrs Dawn Hosking on her successful application to Higher Level Teaching Assistant within the Federation. Mrs Makepeace and Mrs Hosking will take up their posts in September. We are hoping to be successful when recruiting another Assistant Head Teacher next week. Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Sarah Smith (Mirror Image Photography) who has done a wonderful job of our staff photos. Please see our website.

Thank you for the feedback regarding communication from school. It has been vitally important for me to understand the views of parents, teachers and children as we move forward together in our new chapter at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation. From the feedback I have received, we will be moving to a fortnightly letter as we will be utilising our Facebook page more frequently. This will give you the opportunity to see the wonderful activities, as well as the teaching and learning going on as it happens. It will also allow our wider school community (for example; aunts, uncles, grandparents and our wonderful villages) the opportunity to be part of our learning journey too.

I am looking forward to meeting more of our community at our 'Together Tuesday' on 10<sup>th</sup> May and excited to welcome you into the classrooms on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Please remember to contact Mrs Coleman in the office to book onto this event so we can cater for all visitors. I aim to be a constant presence before and after school so please do come and see me if there is anything I can do. Alternatively, if you would like to make an appointment to speak via telephone, please call the school office.

Best Wishes

Mr Mike Glenton



## Class News

### Reception

Reception children have had lots of fun guessing the title and designing the cover of our new class text, *Errol's Garden*. We've been exploring numbers to 20 and planted sunflowers for our class competition. Our own plant pot designs look fantastic! We've also helped out with a bit of gardening around the school. Well done to everyone in class for amazing reading with our new phonics scheme. Reading books will be going home from next week.

### Class 1

This week we have been learning about how Greenhead School has changed over the years by looking at old photos and asking staff how it has changed. In English we have been exploring rhyming words to create a poem linked to school life. We have been showing some excellent teamwork skills during our Commando Joe's session.

### Class 2

This week we have been studying a story with an issue or dilemma. The children in year 3 have been adding and subtracting fractions and the children in year 4 have been adding 2 or more fractions. We have also started to explore Hinduism in our RE sessions. We have particularly enjoyed finding out about the Roman's this week and it has been excellent to try out some new playground games.

### Class 3

This week the children have worked very hard to apply their knowledge of balanced arguments to answer a question for debate related to our text. We have been enjoying reading our new class shared book, called 'Who Let the Gods Out?'. We have started our R.E Judaism topic looking at the Shema (Jewish prayer) and the importance of this in their religion. Everyone has had an excellent attitude towards their learning and we look forward to what this term will bring.





## Our New School Promise

Over the past week, the Staff, Governors and children at Henshaw and Greenhead Primary Schools have been learning our new school promise. This mantra shapes the 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



Today, staff nominated children who have shown these values in our schools and have been role models for our Christian values in our new, weekly Celebration Assembly.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

Learning Award - Evie

Resilience & Teamwork award - Katie

Etiquette award - Briar

Environmental award - Our focus for next week

Kindness award - Finn

Inclusion award - Jessica

Friendship award - Theo G

Role model award - Jack H



Please keep an eye out in the post for a few more 'surprises' for those children who have gone that extra mile this week. More to follow!

#### School Matters!



Attendance:

Reception - 100%   Class 1 - 92.72%   Class 2 - 97.65%   Class 3 - 98.33%

### Community Vote of the Fortnight

We are going to rename our classes to represent our schools but what should we name them? Talk to your child about what theme they would like their classes to be named after (for example, woodland animals, castles, places in Northumberland).

Write your idea on a piece of paper and ask your child to pop them into our 'Sharing Jar', which can now be found in our school hall. In the next newsletter, we will announce the theme and then we will have another vote for the names for each class from that theme.



### Dates for the Diary

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: May Bank Holiday - School Closed

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Beamish Visit - All Day - Years 1 & 2

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May: SATS week Year 6

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Together Tuesday - 9:00am - 9:30am

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Heights & Weights Measurements (Reception & Year 6)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Sea Cadets workshop - KS2 (morning)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Art Trip to The Sill (Years 5 & 6)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Workshop Wednesday - 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - School closes for Half Term holidays

**School Teacher Training Days for 22/23:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. School will be closed to children on these dates.

### Reminders

- The school lunch menu can now be found on our website, under the 'Information' tab.
- We really appreciate your support to ensure our School Uniform policy is adhered to and re-affirm our sense of belonging, health and safety.
- Please can we remind children in Key Stage 2 to return their Acceptable Use Agreements by Tuesday next week.
- Please can we remind parents not to park on the zig zag lines outside school. This will ensure that children being transported by taxi are kept safe.

### A final thought...

Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is the progress.

Working together is success.

Henry Ford