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News to You - Weekly Newsletter

Week 6 – Autumn Term - 12.10.18

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see lots of parents and family members in school this week to share a lesson with the children. We hope that this gives parents/carers a chance to see our school in action and the chance to share in some learning together. I know the feedback was very positive and we welcome the chance to share. We really appreciate working in partnership with our families and know that the greatest success is had by pupils where families and school work well together. We try to hold events throughout the year as we understand that parents are not always able to attend due to work commitments.

We value educating our pupils about having a contribution to town wide development and our school council was represented at Throston Primary School this week for the town wide school council network which allows them the chance to discuss things that affect Hartlepool and also to learn from each other in schools.

I thoroughly enjoyed accepting my invitation by the Year 3 and 4 class this week to attend the Forest Church that has been created by the Big Fish group and other pupils. It is wonderful to see our pupils finding peace and beauty in their natural surroundings. A chance to be very thankful for our school grounds and the importance we place on learning about the outdoors. Our sports teams are in preparation for two big events next week, including after school sports practice. Our Tag Rugby team are competing in the town final next week and some of our athletes are also training to represent Hartlepool in the Tees Valley Cross Country regional final. We wish them luck for next week and send them strength to fulfill our school motto of 'Always our best'.

Wishing everyone a lovely, if perhaps blustery, weekend,
Mrs. Heaton

Dates for your diary and other Information...

Monday 15th October—Y1/2 visit to Durham Castle. Letters have been sent separately.

Tuesday 16th October—Y5/6 Girls Tag Rugby Town Final at West Rugby Club.

Thursday 25th October—Harvest Festival Service in St. Peter's Church at 1.30pm—2.30pm. All parents/carers are welcome to come along.

Friday 26th October—Last day in school before breaking up for half term

Monday 5th November—Return to school after half term break.

PD days this year - Friday 14th December, Monday 3rd June, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July.

Any parents/carers wishing to speak with Mrs Hill at any time should contact the school office to arrange a mutually agreeable time.

Nature Activities

We will be holding our Nature activities afternoon in school on Tuesday 23rd October. The children may come to school dressed in clothes that are suitable for working outside and that it doesn't matter if they get dirty.

It would be much appreciated if you could begin to collect some outdoor materials to bring in on either Monday 22nd October or Tuesday 23rd October.

If possible we would like flat pebbles (suitable for painting on - approx 9 or 10 cms across as a guide) and other natural materials such as autumn leaves, sticks, horse chestnuts, beech nuts, sycamore seeds and lots and lots of pine cones. As always thank you for your continued support!

Plea from the Year 1 and 2 Class

The Year 1 and 2 children have been busy designing castles with an opening drawbridge. They have identified the materials they will need and hopefully you can help? If you have any of the following you can send into school next week we would be most grateful: pipe cleaners, string, wooden dowling (for flag poles!) strong card, cardboard, cardboard boxes - e.g. cereal packets
Thank you!

Award Winners this week

St. Peter's Key

EYFS—Bella Wells

Y1/2—Hunter Coleman

Y3/4—Eleanor Theodosiou

Y5/6—Joseph Mounter

Golden Quill

EYFS—Harrison Dignen

Y1/2—Hannah Wells

Y3/4—Matilda Blyth

Y5/6—James Wilkinson

Superstar

EYFS—Libby Stokes

Y1/2—Thomas Ashton

Y3/4—Florence Tiplady

Y5/6—Lucia Vega

Maths Award

EYFS—Percy Smith

Y1/2—James Ashton

Y3/4—Cody Hall

Y5/6—Darcey Hall

Important Dates for next year:

KS2 SATs—

Monday 13th May until Thursday 16th May 2019.
All Y6 children **must** be in school on these days.

KS1 SATs—May 2019

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check— W/C 10th June 2019