

HEXHAM FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2018



Back to Work at Hexham First

It has been a dream start to this academic year here at Hexham First School. All classes have settled really quickly into their new classrooms. We are all going for green!

Class of the Week

School council asked for the class of the week competition to come back so that's what we have done. This year class 1, 2, 3 and 4 are trying their best to collect star tokens from all of the Hexham First School staff. There is definitely a buzz around school with children hoping to get their hands on a golden ticket! These are worth five star tokens and the grown-ups are thinking long and hard about who will win their one golden ticket.

Our caretaker, Mr Scott, handed out the very first golden ticket when he spotted some exemplary behaviour from Year 1 pupils at lunchtime. Good stuff!

Our first class of the week was Class 3. They were delighted! Miss Noon was pretty happy about it too 😊

Class of the week get an longer playtime on a Tuesday and the overall half term winners will be getting an extra special school treat.

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LifeSavers

Our savings club has opened its doors once again at Hexham First. This is the second year we have offered our pupils the opportunity to save for something they really want. We currently have 35 people saving in our school and we always welcome new savers. Speak to Miss Parr or Mrs Burke in the office if you would like an application form.

A big thank you to Miss Parr and Mrs Keith who work hard every week to make sure that every penny is accounted for.

Well done to the Year 4 bank assistants who were successful in their applications and interviews. Mrs Harrison was impressed with every member of the new team.

Our Lifesavers Bank Assistants this year are: Max, Lacey, Lewis, Abby, Peter and Darcie.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance is 94.2% so far this school year. Our target is to get the school average to 97%. Children have come back to school fit and healthy from the summer break but holidays taken in term time

have brought our average down. Let's work together to get all children in school.

Early Years Outdoor Area

You may remember that in the summer holidays we shared the good news that our school had been successful in a Big Lottery bid. £10,000 of play equipment will be installed during February half term. We can't wait! The first major work is to install new fencing around the Early Years and KS1 playground in order to heighten security in and around our school. We look for your support in making sure our school is safe. Nobody should be accessing our site unsupervised and out of school hours. The wait is over and our trail is now back in action.

School Development Targets

This year we are working on improving 5 key areas. Our targets are:

- 1) Maths – to adopt a whole school approach to mastery
- 2) Reading – to cultivate a love for reading
- 3) Technology – to ensure that staff have a secure understanding of the computing curriculum
- 4) Family learning – to promote other learning opportunities in school
- 5) Humanities – to learn key skills through having memorable learning experiences



High Five!

On Wednesdays we have a celebration assembly. And we have new sparkly certificates!

Computing awards are given out every week as this is one of our new school priorities. Other subject areas are awarded in a six week cycle. They go in this order: Humanities, Maths, PE, English, Science and Art.

Dates for the diary:

October

Monday 22nd October – Parents Meetings
Tuesday 23rd October – Parents Meetings
Tuesday 23rd October – School Photographs
Wednesday 24th October – Year 4 trip to Vin-dolanda
Thursday 25th October – Dance instructors in school
Thursday 25th October – Year 3/4 Tag Rugby competition

Friday 26th October – Teacher training day

November

Monday 5th November – School opens after half term holiday
Wednesday 7th November – Stay and Share, 9-10am – all welcome 😊
Tuesday 13th November – Year 1 and 2 Hand Hygiene Sessions
Wednesday 14th November – Big Draw Festival, artist Josie Brooks in school
Friday 16th November – Children in Need Day
Friday 30th November – Flu Vaccines in school

December

Wednesday 5th December – Early Years Christmas Show
Thursday 6th December – Year 4 at Nutcracker screening
Tuesday 11th December – KS1 & KS2 Christmas Production – 9am and 6pm
Wednesday 12th December – KS1 and KS2 Christmas Production – 9am
Monday 17th December – Christmas Service at Hexham Abbey
Friday 21st December – Christmas Carols at school (2:30pm)
Friday 21st December – School closes for Christmas

January

Monday 7th January – school opens after the Christmas break

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