



HEXHAM FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2019



Welcome back

It has been a brilliant start to this academic year here at Hexham First School. All classes have settled really quickly into their new classrooms and have shown a really positive attitude to learning.

Class Dojo

Hopefully your child has come home already buzzing about Class Dojo, our new positive behaviour reward scheme. Children can gain Dojo Points for following our new school values of:



Kindness Respect
 Resilience Confidence
 Ambition Curiosity
 Being Unique

Teachers will also use Class Dojo for sharing photos, reminders and updates with you and I will use it for sharing all our exciting whole school news and events.

I'd like all families to join us and sign up for Class Dojo! You can use it on any device: it is a

simple and free mobile app for Apple or Android devices, and can also be used from a computer at www.classdojo.com. Your child will come home with a unique code so you can log-in.

Celebration Assembly

Every Friday we will have a celebration assembly and the class teachers will nominate a child from their class to receive a Dojo certificate linked to one of our new school values. This week's value is **Kindness** and the children have already excelled themselves which is wonderful to see. It's going to be hard to choose!



Good Manners Tea



Friday is also a day to look forward to if you have perfect manners! Teachers will choose one child from each class to join Mrs Overton for juice and

biscuits in the Staff room every Friday afternoon.



We have registered with Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion with the chance of winning £20,000 to

kick-start a health legacy for our school. Help us fill up our Aldi's Kit for Schools poster by collecting a sticker with every £30 spent in store for a chance for us to win.



Waitrose Green Tokens

Our wonderful PTA have been successful in bidding for our school to be one of the three community projects supported by Hexham Waitrose Green Token Scheme this month so

if you or anyone you know shops at Waitrose then please pop a token in the Hexham First School pot. The money will help provide resources for outdoor learning and IT equipment in the hall.



Hexham First School PTA

The PTA is a fantastic group of parent volunteers who meet regularly to plan fundraising events to support the school. They have funded school trips, I-pads, outdoor play equipment and lots of exciting events to make your child's time at school just amazing. They really need volunteers to help out at events and fundraise so please get in touch if you can spare a few hours a term. Whatever help you can give will make a huge difference.



Ground Force Day Volunteers

Help get our school grounds in to shape before the winter sets in. We have some fantastic raised beds, planters and garden areas that are in need of weeding, clearing and seeding. Could you spare an hour or so after school on Thursday 26th September to help the staff tidy up our community gardens? Each class will then be able to 'adopt' an area to grow their own fruit, vegetables and flowers throughout the year. More information to follow on Class Dojo.



Attendance

Our school attendance target this year is **97 %** Children have come back to school fit and healthy from the summer break but holidays

taken in term time will bring our average down. Let's work together to get all children in school.

Hexham First School Out of School Club

We have spaces available in our Out of School Club. are a range of activities provided that cover all age ranges, such as outdoor play, creative, computers, group games, puzzles, cooking, messy play, gardening etc.

Breakfast Club

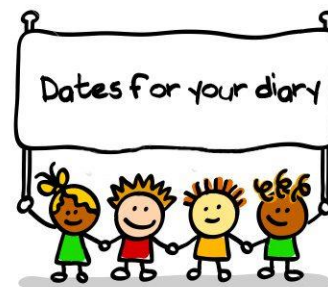
7.30 – 9 a.m. (breakfast cereal, drinks and fruit available included up until 8.30)

After School Club

3.15 – 5.45

Drinks and fresh fruit are provided with a tuck shop at 4.15 p.m.

For registration forms or for any other information regarding the club please pop into school.



September

Tuesday 3rd September – Back to School

Thursday 26th September - Year 3&4 - Skip-ping festival

Thursday 26th September –Community garden tidy up

October

Wednesday 2nd October 3:30 Robinwood parents meeting

Monday 21st October – Parents Meetings

Tuesday 22nd October – Parents Meetings

Tuesday 22nd October – School Photographs

Tuesday 22nd October - Immunisations