

'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'

### Husthwaite CE Primary School Newsletter

## Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

Another eventful and busy fortnight.

A copy of the children's book of condolence in memory of Queen Elizabeth II has been placed at St Nicholas' Church and the remembrance garden at Hyde Park in London.



Last week we welcomed back into school Conker our therapy dog and Robin, both are our school reading champions who love to hear different children read each week.



Class 2 have once again started their swimming lessons at Thirsk leisure Centre. The children are very excited to be going each week to learn this important life skill.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Early Literacy Little Wandle Information Evening on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful and that it gave you an understanding of how we teach your child phonics, reading, spelling and writing and how to support your child at home. As discussed, please use the resources and guidance on the following link to support you in helping your child at home. A Little Wandle section will be put on our school website soon.

<u>https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</u> <u>https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/LS-KEY-GUIDANCE-GLOSSARY.pdf</u>

## Your fortnightly class summary from..



Class 1 were so excited that they were at last able to go on the climbing wall, which was postponed from the summer term due to bad weather. Many overcame their fears and had a go, despite saying it was too scary!

Some children almost got to the top. Well done to everyone! This week the year one children have been learning to play the ocarina as part of their curriculum music lessons. They all now know how to play a high C and a low C, although there was some squeaking to begin with! Finally in maths, the reception children have been using counters and the 5 frames or 10s frames to solve simple problems.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild



Class 2 have had a busy couple of weeks but there have been lots of physical highlights. They absolutely loved the climbing wall last Friday and lots of children either made it to the top or were able to get higher after a few attempts than they had at the beginning. The children also really enjoyed their first swims and were amazing. In PE with Mr Shimwell the children have been working on their stamina. They completed the Cooper Run last week as part of a virtual PE competition we will enter and the Beep test this week. In maths the children have been working on their place value knowledge and working with base ten and or bead string resources to help them. In English we have been developing our knowledge of newspaper reports and have just begun drafting which we will complete next week based on a modern version of The Three Little Pigs with a twist.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.



Class 3 have had a busy and exciting 2 weeks. We all thoroughly enjoyed the climbing wall and the children showed great courage and determination to reach the dizzy heights. In Maths, we have been using manipulatives to explore place value, including counters and number lines when looking at negative numbers. In Science, the children have been using their art skills to draw plants in their natural state and then we dissected them to investigate the reproduction of plants. The children have also really enjoyed acting this week in our English session before we then wrote our police reports related to our class text, Cogheart.

## Friday 16 September Awards

## Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

*Bird Award* – Ana for her energy and enthusiasm in everything she does. Ana just loves coming to school! *Headteacher's sticker* – William P for knowing lots of names for body parts during science. *Writer of the week* – Phoebe J for carefully blending and then writing during phonics.

#### Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

*Bird Award* – Rufus for his amazing effort at the Cooper Run. Persevering right to the very end and running non-stop for the whole 12 minutes.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Wilf for trying hard and making a great start to Year 2 the last couple of weeks. *Writer of the week* – Mollie for her super science writing about the different types of rocks.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

*Bird Award* – Rhys for his great enthusiasm and continuing his research at home. *Headteacher's sticker* – Lucas and Rory for dedication to their new role as librarians. *Writer of the week* – Isabel for being precise and creative with her presentation for her double page spread.

## Friday 23 September Awards

## Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

Bird Award – Scarlett Bell for the progress she has made in reading and phonics. *Headteacher's sticker* – Jack and Robert for their magical maths using counters and the 5 and 10s frames. Writer of the week – Beatrix for concentrating so hard and writing sentences independently during phonics. Class 2, Miss Goodchild. Bird Award – Mollie for being a focused learner, on task, trying her best and a great role model for others in the class. Headteacher's sticker – Phoebe L Miss Wilkie was so impressed with your pastel artwork this week. Writer of the week – Sofia for working hard at her phonics and letter formation. Class 3, Mr Chapman. *Bird Award* – Felix for enjoyment in maths, especially during our negative number lines game. Headteacher's sticker – Jess H for courage on the climbing wall. Writer of the week – Esme for using higher order punctuation and asking questions to check her understanding. Miss Goodchild's Superstars! Class 1 Emmie and Sid. Class 2 Heidi and Phoebe. Class 3 Enes and Felix.

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** in the school hall at 2.45pm, this half term hosted by Miss Goodchild.

Have a lovely weekend.

## NOTICES:

- 30 September MacMillan Coffee Morning Cancer Research fundraising event. 'Money Makers' Pupil Voice group are organising a 'Come dressed in green and have a cake at playtime' in return for a £1 suggested donation. If you are able to bake and donate some buns on that day, please let the school office know.
- Liz Hebdon your Husthwaite parent governor will be doing her first 'Governor Surgery' of the new academic year on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October after drop off at the school gate. This is an opportunity where you can meet your parent governor for an informal chat and ask any questions you may have. Liz is also available by email <u>lhebdon@husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk</u>
- All parents and carers are FOHS (Friends of Husthwaite School). As you know, last term a group of FOHS organised the highly popular 'Rat Race' event which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The latest figure we have for the total amount raised is an amazing £7200. Thank you so much to all parents who helped and everyone who raised money through sponsorship (any outstanding sponsorship monies can still be donated on School Gateway). This will go towards some new outdoor equipment and the 'Epic Improvers' pupil voice group is currently looking at a possible trim trail/equipment to enhance our amazing outdoor grounds even further which can be enjoyed for all children. It is all very exciting!
- We will be having a FOHS meeting after drop off at 9am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall and all parents are warmly invited. We would love to be able to put on the popular termly events once again this year, for example a school disco, and we need some volunteers to help. Allocating different groups of FOHS to the different events spreads the 'organising load' as we are aware that everyone is busy! All monies raised by FOHS events benefits all our children and we are hoping this term to raise some money to fund a 'Christmas Cinema Treat' for all children.

Please do come and sign up to help for an event this academic year – if you are unable to come to the meeting but are willing to help organise / enable one of the events to happen, please let Mrs Dixon in the school office know. It is very much appreciated, however much or little time you can give.

• Our new Facebook page is now live: www.facebook.com/HusthwaiteCofEPrimary. At present it is general information and we look forward to celebrating school learning and events with all in the future. Please add us as a Facebook friend and take a look.

# **DIARY DATES:**

30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Stay & Play 9-10am
	MacMillan coffee morning fundraising event
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School photographer (individual & family photos)
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Liz Hebdon, parent governor surgery at drop off.
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival 9.30am St Nicholas' Church
11 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents evenings
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Class 3 trip
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	FOHS meeting, 9am school hall.
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y5/6 Federation football match
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	3.20pm school closes for half term
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	School opens for Autumn Term 2