



## **'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'**

### **Husthwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Monthly Newsletter**

**JANUARY 2024...**

As you know we have moved to monthly school newsletters and we hope you are enjoying weekly class Dojo posts with photographs and celebration assembly awards. What a fantastic first three weeks to the Spring term. It was lovely welcoming the children back into school after the Christmas holidays and hearing all their news. As always I love to spend time doing regular classroom visits and talking to the children about their learning, current texts and topics. Robin, Tinker and Conker continue with their weekly Pet Therapy visits, enjoying sharing books and hearing individuals read.



Yesterday all our KS2 children took part in our KS2 cluster cross country which we hosted at Husthwaite. 210 children – 5 schools cheering each other on created a fabulous atmosphere for all! A huge thanks to Mr Shimwell, our Year 6 leaders and Mrs Throup for helping organise and run this event. The stamina and efforts were commendable and we were very proud of each and every one of them. Huge congratulations to Husthwaite medal winners Eliza W, Arthur, Rufus, Evelyn and Rhys.

#### **Friday 12 January 2024 Awards**

##### **Class 1, Mrs Chappell.**

**Bird Award** – Evie-Mae for her super effort in everything she does.

**Headteacher's sticker** – Ivor for taking the next step of staying for lunch at school. He really enjoyed his first school dinner!

**Writer of the week** – Florrie has made such super progress and is now forming recognisable letters.

##### **Class 2, Miss Goodchild.**

**Bird Award** – Alfie for fantastic attacking and defending in PE.

**Headteacher's sticker** – Eliza B for her amazing coin and note recognition in maths.

**Writer of the week** – William H for persevering with his glossary work and improving his dictionary skills.

##### **Class 3, Mr Chapman.**

**Bird Award** – Millie for her compassion when working in a group and thinking of others.

**Headteacher's sticker** – Evelyn for her persistence in mathematics.

**Writer of the week** – Phoebe L. for precision during handwriting practice.

### Friday 19 January 2024 Awards

#### Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

**Bird Award** – Alice has been working really hard, practicing how to write her name without her name card and can now do it independently.

**Headteacher's sticker** – Sidney is trying so hard to improve his maths and number work and is making super progress. Well done Sidney.

**Writer of the week** – Rocco is developing a lovely style of handwriting, trying hard to form his pre cursive letters from the line.

#### Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

**Bird Award** – Phoebe for consistently answering questions about her reading in detail.

**Headteacher's sticker** – Freya for fabulous doubling.

**Writer of the week** – Arthur for his preposition sentences.

#### Class 3, Mr Chapman.

**Bird Award** – Eliza M. for her compassion and friendship in class and helping others when they need it, particularly in reading practice.

**Headteacher's sticker** – Alfie (Class 2) and Mollie for their passion in PSHE.

**Writer of the week** – Esme for her understanding and application of formality in her writing.

#### Miss Goodchild's Superstars:

Evie M for making brilliant maths connections and explaining them clearly.

Jack for great 1 more and 1 less with numbers to 20.

### Friday 26 January 2024 Awards

#### Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

**Bird Award** – Robert for his super phase 5 phonics work, he is using the grow the code chart to support his writing and reading.

**Headteacher's sticker** – Sharday for her insightful comments in PHSE about hopes and dreams, she has given lots of thought to how she wants to achieve new things.

**Writer of the week** – Archie for using his sound mat to write lots of words in provision, he even wrote a three word sentence with a full stop on our story map!

#### Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

**Bird Award** – Eliza for always being willing to help others without being asked.

**Headteacher's sticker** – George for his effort when writing a wildlife blog for Miss Wilkie and Wilf K for giving well thought out opinions about his group reading text.

**Writer of the week** – William A for an amazing effort at drafting his animal biography about Alfie the dog.

#### Class 3, Mr Chapman.

**Bird Award** – Timmy for demonstrating excellent behaviour for learning in all lessons and striving to do his very best, particularly in French and Maths this week.

**Headteacher's sticker** – Rhys, Charlie S, Henry and Felix for being excellent ambassadors for our school and never shying away from responsibility (cross country).

**Writer of the week** – Bryony for her range of descriptive devices used in her setting description of the Mexican jungle.

#### Miss Goodchild's Superstars:

Olivia for her fabulous written phonics work.

Millie for her travel guide.

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Compassion. Your child brought home a school values sheet of ideas at the beginning of this term, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

## NOTICES:

- **Hustwaite HMI Ofsted monitoring visit, 24 November 2023.** As you know we had a successful Ofsted monitoring inspection last half term. On Wednesday we received the report letter (attached) which will be published next week. It positively identifies our curriculum and school development plan. *For your information at the end of a monitoring inspection, the inspector makes a single overarching judgement and there are only the 2 following judgements:*

*Leaders have made progress to improve the school, but more work is necessary for the school to become good.*

*Or [The school] continues to require improvement. Leaders have made insufficient progress to improve the school.*

- **Measles outbreak.** We would like to inform you that there have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands and there is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates. Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

The DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents.

- **Hustwaite school cook vacancy.** NYC are currently advertising for a new school cook. 22.5hours a week, £12.38 an hour. Please contact [geraldine.johnson@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:geraldine.johnson@northyorks.gov.uk) or phone 07974427178 for further details.
- **School Drop Off** Please can we remind everyone that **school starts at / registration is at 8.50am**. The gate is officially opened at 8.40am and locked at 8.50am/after the school bus has arrived. Any child arriving after 8.50am is recorded as late (L) and if arrives after registration is closed at 9am is recorded as unauthorised (U).
- A polite reminder to all parents **please do not to park on the yellow zig zag lines in the bus bay**; this is for the school bus and taxis only. If you want to 'drop and go' you can use the bus bay for that reason only and not to park whilst you get your child out of the car / take your child into school / wait for them to come out at the end of the day. Please also be mindful of considerate parking and not block any of our neighbours' driveways.
- **Tax Free Childcare:** Did you know that you can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare? If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both. To find out more: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

## DIARY DATES:

1 <sup>st</sup> February	Y5/6 Ampleforth College production – 'Little Book of Horrors'
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	NSPCC number day
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Curriculum enrichment day – Computing - 'Growing up in a Digital World' Safer Internet Day 1-2 pm Stay & Play (Winter)
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 3 to Prime Time
9 February	Break up for half term
19 February	8.50am school opens for the Spring Term 2.
21 February	International Language Day
23 February	Non uniform day in lieu of Mother's Day / special lady day gifts Parent Governor Surgery
26 Feb – 1 March	Years 5 and 6 residential to Newby Wiske
7 March	Mother's Day / Special Lady Day Sale World Book Day
11-14 March	Year 6 KS2 Mock SAT's week
11 & 13 March	Parents evening
12 March	1-2pm Stay & Play (Special People)
15 March	Red Nose Day
21 March	Curriculum enrichment day – Humanities - 'Historical Figures – past and present'
22 March	9.30am Easter Service St Nicholas' Church School closes 2.30pm for Easter

