



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'

Hustwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

Thank you to all for attending parents evening last week. We hope you found your appointment informative and as always if any staff or I can be of any further assistance please don't hesitate to ask.

Last Thursday was our Money Makers Fun Run. As you know at Hustwaite we have four pupil voice groups and their summer project focused on improving the wildlife area. All four groups took on different aspects of the project and Money Makers took on the role of raising funds for things we will need once the area has been cleared. It was the children that came up with the Sponsored Fun Run initiative and planned out a fabulous course that definitely had plenty of 'Fun' and plenty of 'Run'!

The children mapped out a long lap route around the school grounds with stations of fun along the way. Firstly, children were faced with the cargo net before running down to the photo booth area where they could catch their breath and pop on some props for photos! They then ran the water pistol gauntlet; the daring took the blue route where they would certainly get wet and others could take the yellow route which was a little drier! Finally, they hit the dance floor area where Mr Shimwell could be found busting out a few shapes and they could boogie on through before starting their next lap.

Thank you money makers for organising an amazing child-led event that was enjoyed by all, even the weather shined as much as you! (Miss Goodchild)



School Ground Force Wild Life Area Project



Thank you so much to the Ground Force Team who gave up their Saturday morning to clear the wildlife area and begin preparations for our new pond area. There was plenty of digging, raking, lopping, pruning, weeding and



strimming to get the area looking back how it did, before it became so overgrown. Eliza commented, 'I didn't realise how big the wildlife area is!' As the works were happening we discovered plenty of wildlife so when we get the area fully developed again it will be an amazing learning space for the children. I am excited to continue working with the HEGG pupil voice group to develop this space further as well as organising some more Ground Force mornings to help the children maintain the area. We want to achieve some more RHS awards and working as a community is a big part of this. Also a special thank you to Miss Wilkie as well for cooking sausages and making hot dogs to fuel the team after a long morning digging!

There is a job that we would still appreciate help with in the near future if anyone can offer it? The wood to line the pathway is beginning to rot and the post holding the gate into the area has rotted so if anyone knows someone who could help source a reclaimed bit of wood suitable to replace it with and help us to put it in place we would be very grateful. Thank you Miss Goodchild

This week a team of Year 5 and 6 children attended the cluster football event at Easingwold Primary School. They played a number of matches against other local cluster schools and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this local event.



Pumpkins! Every child will bring home a pumpkin today to enable them to enter our annual FOHS Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Competition next Tuesday which this year will be judged by Robin and our Pet Therapy Dogs Tinker and Conker. I'm sure the standard of creativity will once again be super impressive! £2 entry and a winner and runner ups in every class. As always they will be displayed at the school gate on the day. A huge thank you to our FOHS parent donators for the pumpkins and prizes.

Your fortnightly class summary from ...

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

The children have loved their talk through stories book, The Bear and the Piano. Year 1 have completed some wonderful writing focusing on using interesting vocabulary and EYFS really enjoyed playing the piano and thinking of words to describe the sounds. We are enjoying our phonics learning in EYFS as we start to read CVC words, this week we have also used some of our super phonics skills to start writing some words.

The children are looking forwards to harvesting our class homegrown pumpkin next week, having taken super care of it all summer and into the autumn term. We have also harvested a variety of bean seeds that this week we have used for learning about sorting and patterns in EYFS maths. Our Year 1 children have loved working out number sentences based on their darts games this week.

We have started to introduce rainbow challenges, every time the children complete an independent challenge in provision and show it to an adult, they can collect a sticker towards their rainbow. This is a super way to promote their independence whilst still ensuring that they are individually challenged in our areas of provision.



Class 2, Miss Goodchild

Year 2 have really enjoyed the texts they have been using over the last couple of weeks: *Rabbityness* and *The Visitor*. Year 3 have also enjoyed their texts called *The Blue House* and *I'll Take You to Mrs Cole*. Both year groups within their English lessons used blow painting techniques with straws to create illustrations like the illustrators from *Rabbityness* and *The Blue House*. Year 3 have also enjoyed the science learning alongside Year 4. They have been creating simple electrical circuits using bulbs, buzzers and motors. They did an excellent job of testing different materials, e.g. metal paper clips and wooden lolly sticks, to discover whether they were electrical insulators or electrical conductors.



Class 3, Mr Chapman



Class 3 have had another busy couple of weeks. Last Friday we went to Primetime at the village hall. It is great for the children to be active parts of their community, and socially mixing with our more senior residents. They report back, happily, conversations they have had after the event. Primetime is also an excellent opportunity for the children to demonstrate some of our school's core values. Further to this, it allows them to acquire and develop leaderships skills in helping to run some of the tasks, under supervision of the adults in the room. We have also played in the Y5/6 football cluster competition. Although all the results didn't go our way, we had a brilliant time. Finally, the children have been busy in their learning in school as always, using maths manipulatives to prove their thinking and creating art in forest schools.

Friday 13 October Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Bird Award – Rocco for trying so hard with his handwriting, he is making super progress.

Headteacher's sticker – Rosie for settling so well into Class 1.

Writer of the week – Jack for his super use of adjectives in his writing.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – William A for making the effort to use maths manipulatives to support all his maths this week.

Headteacher's sticker – Phoebe for her enthusiasm in maths, even wanting to stay in to do extra.

<i>Writer of the week</i> – Scarlett for her concentrated efforts on cursive writing and her book review.
Class 3, Mr Chapman. <i>Bird Award</i> – Sare for enjoyment in her wider interests (art) and proudly sharing these with the class. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – Charlie T for his positive contributions to class discussions. <i>Writer of the week</i> – Leo for thinking about the presentation of his ideas in our double-page spread on democracy.
Miss Goodchild's Superstars: Year 5 Esme H for her fun run photo booth photography!

Friday 20 October Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell. <i>Bird Award</i> – Sharday for being a really caring member of our class 1 team and always being there to support her friends. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – Alice, for an amazing Cotton Wool Colin, he looked very safe in his cotton wool. <i>Writer of the week</i> – Isla for super use of her phonics to write words linked to our freeze frame drama session.
Class 2, Miss Goodchild. <i>Bird Award</i> – Pippa for her positive and cheerful attitude to learning. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – William P for super reading progress. <i>Writer of the week</i> – Phoebe R for her use of prepositions in her writing.
Class 3, Mr Chapman. <i>Bird Award</i> – Mollie for showing G.R.I.T in computing. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – Bryony and Joseph for gymnastics. Bryony mastered a skill she has been practising for some time and Joseph showed amazing progress with his cartwheels. <i>Writer of the week</i> – Hope for a huge improvement in presentation in handwriting sessions and homeworks – now to apply these skills in other writing. Well done and keep it up.

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:

- **Remembrance Day.** Poppies and The Royal British Legion items will be available in school for the week after half term. Collective Worship Monitors will make them available at playtime for a suggested donation of 50p-£1.
- **'Life Skills' whole school curriculum enrichment day – 14 November.** Any parents who would be willing to spare half an hour and come in to speak about your job would be very welcome as part of our career aspirations work. Please let the school office know if you would be willing to support our learning in school and with which class.
- Liz Hebdon your Husthwaite parent governor will be doing her **'Governor Surgery'** on 17th November at 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 lhebdon@husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk
- **BAGS2SCHOOL** – there will be a Bags2School collection at 9am on Wednesday 22nd November. Please bring bags of clothing, shoes, handbags, belts and accessories in a bin bag to the front of school before 9am. The more weight we collect, the more money we get (effortless fundraising!). This time you are being asked to use your own bin bags to cut down on plastic wastage.
- **Mild Illnesses and Infectious Diseases.** The DfE and NHS have asked us to signpost parents to the published guidance to support parents in identifying and knowing when and when not to send your child school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- **APPLE TREE NURSERY.** We currently have vacancies for our nursery for those children who will have turned 3 years of age before September. Please contact the school office for further details.

DIARY DATES:

24 October	FOHS Pumpkin carving Competition FOHS Disco
25 October	Y5/6 trip to The Life Centre, Newcastle.
26 October	3.20PM SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM
27 October	TRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

31 October	NYC Year 6 deadline to apply for secondary school
6 November	8.50AM SCHOOL OPENS
14 November 1-2pm	Life Skills whole school curriculum enrichment day Class 1 Stay and Play for all preschool children – All about Me and Life Skills theme.
15 November	Years 5 and 6 Crucial Crew visit, working with our local emergency services.
17 November	Parent governor surgery Open afternoon at school – see the school in action 1.15-2.15pm
18 November	Husthwaite CE Primary School open day 11-12 o'clock FOHS Nearly New Sale at Husthwaite Village Hall 10am-1pm
22 November	Bags2School
26 November	Husthwaite Village Christmas Market
29 November	Year 6 KS2 SAT's Parent Information Evening (Zoom 5pm)
1 December	FOHS Hearts Fashion Show, Husthwaite Village Hall 6.30-9.00pm. Tickets from Lou Atkinson, Holly Fawcett and Emily Buchanan.
8 December	Husthwaite School Christmas Fair
11 December	Year 3/4 Murton Park Trip
12 December	Class 1 Stay and Play for all preschool children – Christmas theme. 1-2 pm
14 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity (Nursery – Year 2) 2.30pm & 5.30pm
18 December	Christmas Parties in school
19 December	Christmas school lunch
20 December	Pantomime in school
22 December	Christmas Church Service 9.30am School closes 2.30pm