



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Could you help us build some raised beds?**

We would really like to build 3 new raised beds at the top of our field so the children can grow plants and vegetables. There are so many learning opportunities for our children such as teaching them about soil, nutrition, science and life cycles of the vegetables and the creatures attracted to the garden. We want every child at Hexham First to be involved with a food growing project.



We have a small amount of money to purchase some of the materials such as wood and top soil but we would need some willing parents, grandparents and carers to volunteer to build them. If you can help us with any part of the project please let us know.

**Brilliant new maths app –1-minute maths**

In school we follow the White Rose maths curriculum. They have just released a free new app for children called 1-minute maths. You can download the app for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle. A great opportunity for your child to practice their addition and subtraction in small manageable amounts.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths>



**Assemblies**

This week in assemblies we focussed on the **British Value of Individual Liberty**. We started by sharing some new school rules. (You are not allowed to smile, teachers were going to tell them who they could play with, no one in school was allowed to talk about football and you could only eat green apples were just some of them!). The children decided that these new rules were really unfair. (They were quite vocal about it!) The children soon realised that we were only pretending, and these were not our real new rules.

We learned that individual liberty is one of the British Values and it means we have the freedom to choose who we play with, what we eat, what we talk about etc. We learned that although we have freedom, we have to follow rules that exist to keep everyone safe. We learned that individual liberty does not mean you are free to do what you want, you are free to do what is right. Children listened to the story “The Hueys in The New Jumper” and looked at how we all have the right be an individual.

If you would like to contribute to our ‘word of the week’ challenge – please let us know, your word and it may appear in our Friday Flyer – we would love children, parents and carers to join in the challenge.

**Bewildered** -perplexed and confused; very puzzled.  
e.g: She saw the bewildered look on my face.



**Well done to this week’s Dojo Certificates holders**

- Reception:** Logan C – resilience  
Jaycee - Resilience
- Year 1:** Isaac - confidence
- Year 2:** Philippa - Ambitious
- Year 3:** Teddy - resilience
- Year 4:** Holly - respect

**Handwriting Certificates go to:**  
Andrew, Noah, Timothy, Teddy and Amelie



- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
Chinese Artist visitor to school
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
Early Years trip to the woods
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
Chinese New Year celebration event
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February**  
Children’s Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
Safer Internet Day
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
Teacher training day – school closed
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
Half Term
- Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Dance sessions begin
- Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
River Tyne Trust visit to Year 4
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**  
Year 4 skipping festival
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
Additional Bank holiday
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter Holidays
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**  
Year 4 trip to Robinwood

