

Friday 2nd October 2020

Another brilliant week in school, thank you to everyone for your continued support and thank you to all school staff who are doing an incredible job keeping our children safe and keeping the learning exciting.

New School Governors

We are thrilled to let you know that we have two new parent governors to help support and move our wonderful school forward - Victoria Ord and Mihaela Tronaru.

International Postcard Exchange

Mrs Crow has arranged for Hexham First to take part in an exciting new project - international postcard exchange. We will be sending postcards to schools in 20 different countries and will get 20 postcards back. Our postcards will contain facts about Hexham, Northumberland or the North East. Any postcards we receive back will be shared on Class Dojo for all to see.



At Hexham First we teach reading using the Read Write Inc phonics programme that is a clear and consistent inclusive teaching scheme. Reading opens the door to learning. A child who reads a lot will become a good reader. A good reader will be able to read more challenging material. A child who reads challenging material is a child who will learn. The more a child learns, the more he or she will want to find out.

Using Read Write Inc, the children learn to read effortlessly so that they can put all their energy into comprehending what they read. It also allows them to spell effortlessly so that they can put all their energy into composing what they write. You can find out more information by visiting the following parents' information page:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

Walk to school week

Walk to school week starting Monday 5th October -9th October. Let's see if we can all do our bit to be healthier and make small changes.



Have a safe and enjoyable weekend everyone.

Mrs Overton



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

Reception: Matei - Ambitious

Year 1: Maisie - Ambitious

Year 2: Evie – Taking pride

Year 3: Esme - Respectful

Year 4: Bobby - Kindness

Reading at home certificates go to

**Mia, Jenny, Teddy, Hollie and
Freddie**

WEATHER FORECAST

The weather for the week ahead brought to you by Annabelle & Ava in Year 4

"Light rain and a gentle breeze at the weekend followed by highs of 12 C but lows of 5 so bring your coat next week as there is barely any sunshine"



Look who Mr Brown chose for the high quality leader board in Year 4 this week! - The whole class - Well done - great attitudes.



Stay safe

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Download the NHS COVID-19 App

Protect your loved ones, get the NHS Covid-19 App. We have our own QR code that visitors entering inside the school building will be asked to scan once inside. Please remember to keep at least 1m apart from each other whilst dropping off and collecting your children from school and stick to our "only one adult dropping off and collecting" rule so we can keep the number of adults on the school site as low as possible. Many parents have asked if they can wear a face covering whilst waiting to collect their children - the answer is absolutely yes and I strongly encourage you to do this.

NORTHUMBERLAND RESTRICTIONS

It is now illegal to socialise with other people outside of their own households in private homes and gardens or communal areas such as pubs and restaurants. Our job at school is to keep your children safe; we cannot do this if you don't follow the legal safety restrictions for Northumberland, please continue to help us and follow the rules.

FACE COVERINGS

Any visitors to school will be required to wear a face covering particularly important for breakfast and after school club drop off and collection if you are waiting by the school office.



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SCHOOL DIARY

Thursday 1st OCTOBER

National Poetry Day

Friday 2nd OCTOBER

World Smile Day

Saturday 10th October

World Mental Health day

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th October

Parents Evening phone calls

Tuesday 20th October

School photographer

Thursday 22nd October

Children break up for half term

Friday 23rd October

Teacher training day



Weekly attendance is fantastically high in school. Well done and thank you everyone

Week 1	97 %
Week 2	96 %
Week 3	95 %
Week 4	99 %
Week 5	98 %

Wellbeing Tip of the week

Spend time with animals

Lots of people find that being with animals is calming and enjoyable. You could try dog walking, feed birds from your window, or visit a local community farm.

"Spending time with an animal... is one of the best things you can do to understand and learn about what wellbeing and happiness really are."

Kind Respectful Resilient Ambitious Curious Confident Unique Safe