## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022



Hexham First School Happy, Healthy & Aiming High

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it - we are half way through the academic year! The number of Covid cases has significantly dropped and things almost seem normal (Whatever that is!) We will be reverting back to our 'normal' start and finish times after the half term break as the staggered starts are thankfully no longer necessary. Please make a note of the start and end times below:

Nursery	Morning session 9 am to 11:30	
	Afternoon session: 12:45 – 3:10 – 3:15pm	
Reception	Drop off 8:50 - 8:55 pick up 3:10 – 3:15pm	
Year 1	8:50 - 8:55 until 3:15 pm	
Year 2	8:50 - 8:55 until 3:15 pm	
Year 3	8:50 - 8:55 until 3:15 pm	
Year 4	8:50 - 8:55 until 3:15 pm	

## Mrs Shepherd

Mrs Shepherd is sadly leaving us today and we all wish her the very best in her new role supporting families caring for seriously ill children. Mrs Shepherd has nurtured and cared for hundreds at our children over the years and has supported our families throughout lockdown, making vital wellbeing phone calls. We shall all miss her positivity around school. Our loss is the Rainbow Trust's gain and we wish her the very best for the future.

The reading Ninjas have been doing a wonderful job reading stories to younger children – some snaps from the week.



## Toys

Some of our younger children are sneaking toys from home into school. Please could you do a quick check before they come to school and make sure their personal toys remain at home. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely half term everyone – see you all on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.



Gloaming – the time after the sun goes down before darkness falls completely. E.g.: At gloaming, the night sky began to darken.



Well done to this week's Dojo Certificates holders

<b>Reception:</b>	Sophie - kindness
Year 1:	Jackson - Ambitious
Year 2:	James L - Ambitious
Year 3:	Evie - Ambitious
Year 4:	Emily – confidence

Handwriting Certificates go to: Alfie, Frankie, James H, Nick, Amelie



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February Teacher training day – school closed Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February Half Term Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> North of the Tyne: Under the stars project begins in Year 4 Thursday March 3rd Dance sessions begin Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> River Tyne Trust visit to Year 4 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March Science Week Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> Year 4 fieldwork trip to River Tyne Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April Story Teller in school 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