

What a fantastic week in school, the children have settled back into school brilliantly and it has been a joy to see them reunited with their friends. They seem to be taking everything in their stride and have adapted to changes in school much more quickly than we could have ever imagined.

IT Devices

If you haven't already done so, please could you return the Chromebook or iPad if you borrowed one to support home learning. We really do need these back in school now all the children have returned so we can use them in lessons.

School Website

Don't forget our school website has all the latest newsletters and information about teaching and learning as well as links to useful websites.

<http://www.hexhamfirst.northumberland.sch.uk/website>



Twitter

Our social media profile is growing and we now have 165 followers which is amazing. Follow us on Twitter @FirstHexham

Friends of Hexham First

We will be launching our 'Friends of Hexham First' association in the summer term to replace the PTA. Look out for more information. All parents and carers will automatically become members.

Hexham Community Grocery

Community Grocery Hexham is here to bridge the gap between food banks and supermarkets by supporting local residents who have been feeling the financial impact of Covid-19 with their weekly food shop. If you know anyone who would benefit from this, their memberships cost £5 for the year and then it's £3 for each shop after that where you can select up to 20 items across the grocery. To find out more visit [communitygrocery.org](https://www.facebook.com/communitygroceryhexham). or find them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/communitygroceryhexham>



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Overton



Year One have loved finding out about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and recreated their own artistic pieces using natural materials outside.



Well done to this week's Dojo
Certificates holders

Reception: Ollie - Confidence

Year 1: Timothy - Confidence

Year 2: Jessica H – Ambitious

Year 3: Abbie – Taking Pride

Year 4: Bobby - Confidence

WEATHER FORECAST

The weather for the week ahead brought to you by Freddie & Charlie. Next week it will be 8 – 10 C. There will be light cloud and a gentle breeze all week. Wear a coat and carry an umbrella.



Years 2 had a fantastic carnival this week and have been busy learning about South America and Brazil. They made tropical fruit cocktails (passion fruit was a bit zingy), carnival headdresses and tried some Samba dancing.... A great way to celebrate all being back together!



Thank you for trying really hard to keep a safe distance from each other on the yards and for wearing face coverings.

The move to the 'big' yard' for drop off for KS1 children went well and there has been a safe time lap between year 1& 2 and year 3&4 children. Please try your very best to arrive in your allocated time slot – I've popped it in below as a reminder.

We have had a couple of complaints about parents gathering in groups along our top path making it difficult for people to pass, although this path belongs to school and is not a public right of way, we do currently allow members of the public to use it so please be mindful of this.

Unfortunately, our grass bank above the top path is used as a frequent dog toilet making it unusable for our children. With this in mind, we are exploring ways to secure this area to make it safer to use so we can once again use the raised vegetable beds and nature garden.



Friday 26th March

Break up for Easter Holidays – school closed

Monday 12th April

Summer Term begins

Tuesday 13th April

Year 4 swimming lessons begin

Thursday 22nd April

Earth Day

Monday 3rd May

Bank Holiday Monday – school closed

Tuesday 11th May

Class photos

Friday 28th May

Break up for half term – school closed

Monday 7th June

Return to school

Tuesday 6th July

Transfer Day – Year 4

Friday 16th July

Break up for Summer Holidays – school closed

Monday 6th September

INSET day

Tuesday 7th September

Autumn Term begins



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

Week beginning 8th March – 99 %

Drop off and pick up

	Drop off time	Pick up time	Location
EYFS	8:45 - 8:50 am	3:05pm	EYFS Yard
KS1	8:45 - 8:50 am	3:05pm	KS 2 Yard
KS2	8:55 am	3:15pm	KS2 Yard