

Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of a very long week but we have much to celebrate, look forward to and be thankful for.



A massive thank you for your kind and generous donations to Children in Need last Friday. We raised an incredible £110.35. The children loved being able to wear their own clothes for the day and the money raised will support a massive range of charities and projects which change the lives of children and young people all over the UK.

CHRISTMAS is 34 sleeps away!

Christmas is definitely not cancelled at Hexham First School and all the staff are working super hard to find safe ways to run most of our usual Christmas traditions and celebrations. Unfortunately, we can't invite you to come and watch your child in a Christmas play this year but hopefully our virtual advent calendar that will be released everyday on Class Dojo will keep you entertained.

Christmas Cards

The children love sending each other Christmas cards and we are keen that as many normal school Christmas traditions continue. In order for us to distribute hundreds of Christmas cards safely, please make sure that all Christmas cards are brought in by Monday December 7th.

Christmas Jumper Swap

Last year we organised a really successful Christmas jumper swap. Many children happily wore another pupil's Christmas Jumper whilst their old jumper found its way to a welcome new home. If you have a Christmas jumper that no longer fits your child and are happy to give it away to another child then please hand it in to school by Friday 4th December. I will then take them home and wash them all ready to give out free to anyone who needs a new Christmas jumper this year. The 'new' jumpers will be available from Monday 7th, ready for Christmas jumper day on December 11th.



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

Reception: Grace - unique

Year 1: Scott - kindness

Year 2: George – resilience

Year 3: Finlay – respectful

James C – Taking Pride

Year 4: Charlie - Kindness

**Reading at home certificates go to:
Noah, Jacob, Robin, James T and
Oliver**



WEATHER FORECAST



The weather for the week ahead brought to you by Euan and Freya in Year 4.

This weekend will be rainy so put your coats on to be warm and snuggly. Next week it will be very cold (4C) – get wrapped up with your coats, hats, scarves and gloves.



Please don't forget you can help raise funds for our PTA at any time by buying tickets for the Northumberland Lottery. Please click on the link to take you straight to the page. Any support would be great.

<https://www.northumberlandlottery.co.uk/support/hexham-first-school-pta>



Stay safe

@ Hexham First

Sadly we have had our first positive case of Covid in school. In any circumstance of a positive case in school, Public Health advises us of our next steps. Fortunately, we have not had to close any bubbles this time. Rates of Covid in the Hexham East area are the highest they have been so thank you for helping us protect everyone by following the National guidelines. Please remember, if your child or any member of your household has the symptoms below – please do not send them into school and follow the public health advice on isolating for 14 days.



**HIGH
TEMPERATURE**



**NEW
PERSISTENT
COUGH**



**LOSS OF
SMELL**



**LOSS OF
TASTE**

SCHOOL DIARY

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st – Our virtual Christmas Advent Calendar begins

Friday 4th Christmas Gift stall

Thursday 10th Christmas Lunch

Friday 11th Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th Christmas Sweet stall

Monday 14th Early Years Christmas Party

Tuesday 15th Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party

Thursday 17th Virtual Elf Visit

Friday 18th Last Day of term



Eco-Schools



Hexham First School

has been given this award to recognise their achievement in working towards a sustainable lifestyle.



A massive well done and thank you to Miss Barton and the Eco team from last year. They helped us achieve our Bronze Eco Schools award. We are proud to recycle paper, plastic, ink cartridges, batteries and even Christmas jumpers in school. We're definitely going for Silver next and hope to get our new Eco team in place once restrictions allow.



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

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| Week 1 | 97 % | Week 8 | 99 % |
| Week 2 | 96 % | Week 9 | 97 % |
| Week 3 | 95 % | Week 10 | 98 % |
| Week 4 | 99 % | | |
| Week 5 | 98 % | | |
| Week 6 | 99 % | | |
| Week 7 | 98 % | | |

Kind Respectful Resilient Ambitious Curious Confident Unique Safe