

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally come to the end of a very busy and eventful half-term. The children's efforts, energy and enthusiasm have inspired us all. We talk a lot about ambition and resilience at school and all the children have showed us both in bucket loads and we are really proud of them all.



A big thank you for your support regarding the all of the changes we have made to make the school and site as Covid secure as possible. We know that sometimes it may feel like we bombard you with safety measures but our combined efforts have made a real difference.

Parents Evenings took place this week with our staff ringing parents to let them know how the term has gone so far for their child. If you have missed your appointment or not booked one then please contact the office after half term and we can arrange for your child's teacher to contact you.

### **I might be chilly inside sometimes too**

The weather has really turned much more autumnal this week. The Government advice to schools is to ensure that classrooms are as well ventilated as they can be, with windows and doors open where possible. We recognise that many children will start to feel the cold as time passes, and that this could have an impact on their concentration and learning. We have discussed this in school and would like to suggest that children can wear vests or extra layers under their T shirts and school jumpers / cardigans, and also bring in a gilet or body-warmer to wear indoors if they are really chilly. We are not insisting on school blue colours for everything, but would ask that these plain-coloured please. As always, please do not send children in with expensive items as we cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss. Thank you.

### **TOP NOSH FREE LUNCH KINDNESS DURING HALF TERM**

Top Nosh in Hexham is providing a free daily packed lunch for any child that needs it during half term. This will be a small sandwich, drink, piece of fruit and a bag of crisps. PLEASE take up this amazingly kind offer and visit them at their café on Burn Lane in Hexham.



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

**Reception: Zayn - unique**

**Year 1: James L - kindness**

**Year 2: Ruby-resilient**

**Year 3: Mason – resilient**

**Year 4: Oliver – Taking Pride**

**Reading at home certificates go to:  
Mya, Timothy, Aimee, Lacey-Mae and  
Ava**



### **WEATHER FORECAST**



The weather for the week ahead brought to you by George in Year 4

**Saturday 24th** rainy & windy, highest temperature 13°C, lowest 8°C.

**Sunday 25th** windy & partly cloudy, highest temperature will be 11°C, lowest 7°C.

**Monday 26th** partly cloudy with a chance of rain. High temperature 11°C, lowest 7°C.

**Tuesday 27th** showers, high temperature 11°C, lowest 7°C.

**Wed 28th** showers, high temperature 10°C, lowest 7°C.

**Thursday 29th** showers, high temperature 11°C, lowest 8°C.

**Friday 30th** showers, high 10°C, lowest 8°C





**Stay safe**  
@ Hexham First

## Halloween may look a little different this year but it can still be lots of fun

We all know that we can't hold parties in our homes this year and traditional trick-or-treating is discouraged but here are some safer great ideas to have fun and enjoy Halloween

### IN THE HOME

Hold a Halloween treasure hunt within your household

Host a virtual party with themed games and music

Watch a scary movie with the family

Carve pumpkins

Make your own Halloween costumes



### OUTDOORS

Give your own doorstep a spooky makeover or craft a pumpkin

Walk from house-to-house admiring Halloween decorations

The rule of six applies when outside but if you do meet other families, remember to keep a 2m distance from anyone you do not live with. Wear a face covering if you can

Take sweets with you to share amongst your own household and give them out every time you spot some decorations.

## Wellbeing Tip of the week – A picture this week for a change

*"What's your best  
discovery? asked  
the mole*



*"That I'm enough as I am"  
said the boy*

## School DIARY

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Children break up for half term

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Teacher training day

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Children return to school

**Enjoy  
half  
term**

### Water Bottles

Just a reminder – please send your child into school with a water bottle that only contains water.

Squash, juice, fizzy drinks, flavoured water etc. are not allowed in school.

If someone forgets, we will always make sure they have access to a cup



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 %
Week 6	99 %
Week 7	98 %
Week 8	98 %





The children love PE and have enjoyed lessons with our specialist teacher Mr Brown as well as Hoopstarz Hula Hooping lessons. It has been fantastic to observe the progress that all the children have made. They show great attitudes and determination.

