

## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

We were so impressed to see lots of our children take part in the Captain Tom 100 litter challenge over the bank holiday weekend. The children generously donated their time to collecting litter in the local community and made a real change to the local environment. Their efforts demonstrate an important message to all our children; that their thoughtful actions make a real difference to the lives of others. Thank you to all the children and their families involved.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP ON SATURDAY JUNE 26th

Hexham Community Partnership is organising a fun family event to be held on Saturday 26th June from 12noon until 5pm on the Sele Park in Hexham. The PTA has been approached to see if we would like to run a stall. We have said yes however we really need a team of parent volunteers to help or this can't go ahead. It is a brilliant opportunity to raise some money for the school – all we need is an hour of your time to come along and help at our bottle tombola. The PTA fundraising helps pay for many things in school from school trips and IT equipment through to books and resources for children - The PTA funds are low because we haven't really been able to fundraise during lockdown and we need many more parents on the PTA so please, if you can help, please get in touch with Mrs Campbell or the office. Thank you  
Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Overton



### Well done to this week's Dojo Certificate holders

<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Ollie</b>	<b>Ambitious</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Jacob</b>	<b>Respectful</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Talia</b>	<b>Resilient</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Effie</b>	<b>Curious</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Freya</b>	<b>Kind</b>

## EXCITING LEARNING

Class Two have been looking at paintings by Van Gogh. They really liked the light, movement and colour in his sea paintings and had a go at creating their own versions.



Class Three are becoming e-safety experts and know how to create and keep passwords private. The children suggested lots of technology that they use at home that needs a password. One way to create a password is to put some random words together so to demonstrate this idea the children made password tumblers.



Class One have been busy finding and identifying mini beasts. They are brilliant at using scientific vocabulary such as invertebrate to describe mini-beasts.

Reception and Class One welcomed Storytellers and puppeteers, Ian and Jo into school in this week. The children had a fantastic time listening to lots of exciting stories.



### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

National Numeracy Day

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Break up for half term

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Return to school

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Year 4 trip Dukeshouse Wood

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3 & 4 football after school club begins

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3 to visit Hexham Middle School

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 trip to Vindolanda

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

PTA stall @ Hexham Community Partnership event - SELE

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 HMS Rounders afternoon

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Transfer Day – Year 4

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Break up for Summer Holidays

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

INSET day

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Autumn Term begins



Stay safe  
@ Hexham First

### Tips to cope with anxiety about coming out of lockdown



Easing of lockdown will allow us to get back to the people and things we love, but it's OK if you feel worried about going back to something more "normal" as lockdown restrictions loosen. The coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has been hard for us all and we have all experienced the effects differently, including those of us who have been shielding. Even positive change can lead to anxiety, and it can take time to readjust to things we have not done for a while. Feelings of post-lockdown anxiety are likely to pass with time as we get used to the "new normal" but it's important to do what we can to take care of our mental health. There are lots of things that can help you to manage these feelings and make it easier to adjust. Click here are our top tips for taking care of your mental health as things change.

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/coronavirus/tips-to-cope-with-anxiety-lockdown-lifting/>

### The Big Ask- Children's Survey

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. Parents, if you have 5 minutes over the next few days – please support your child in completing it. The results of the survey will be used to show the government what children think, and what children need to live happier lives.

The purpose of the survey is to give young people the chance to have a say on things that matter to them. The questions are designed to tell the government what their life is like, what they want in the future, and if there is anything that they think is holding them back. The government will use what the children say to tell the people who run the country or local area what they need to change to make life better for the children. In assembly today we have discussed how useful this information is for the country. It would be fantastic if all of our children would be able to give their views. All views are anonymous with children not being asked to provide their name or personal details. The survey should be completed by 19th of May. Please share the following link with your child to complete the survey or support them with inputting their answers if required.

Thank you

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>



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

Week 6	98%
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### WEATHER FORECAST



The weather for the week ahead brought to you by David and Scarlett.

Please bring coats because next week's weather is rainy. Temperatures will reach 13 C but will drop to 6 C overnight. A mix of sunshine and rain so look out for rainbows!



### Fidget toys

Many parents may be aware of a number of new fidget toys that are becoming popular with children. As with other types of toys and trading cards, we ask that children do not bring these into school. Thank you



### Useful Websites (APP) of the Week

<https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app> BRAND NEW National Online Safety Mobile App

Children are spending more time than ever online. As adults, we need to do everything we can to keep them safe in the digital world. But with new apps, games and platforms emerging every day, how can you stay in the know? Say hello to the new National Online Safety mobile application. With all online safety knowledge available at your fingertips, the NOS app empowers parents and teachers to understand and address online safeguarding risks – anytime, anywhere. The world's most comprehensive online safety app, it's packed with insightful courses, explainer videos, webinars and guides on topics that will help you protect the kids you care about when they're online.