

# Hutton Henry CE Primary

## What's Going On?

### Reminders

#### Playtime

While the weather is cold and wet we do not allow the children onto the grassed areas. The children are keen to continue to play football, which often involves retrieving the ball from the grassed areas. I have asked that children who wish to play football at playtimes bring spare trainers. If children do not have spare trainers in school they will not be allowed to play football. Hopefully this will prevent children getting their school shoes too muddy in future.

#### Birthdays

It is our school policy that any birthday cakes/ sweets that you may wish to send into school to celebrate your child's birthday are shop bought and individually wrapped. This enable us to check the ingredients. It also saves time if teachers do not need to cut up and distribute cakes in class. As we have a number of children with allergies it is important that we stick to this policy.

#### Head lice

In an effort to reduce head lice, we have ask that children with longer hairstyles come to school with their hair tied back. This is based on advice from our school nurse. Although I am sure this is very frustrating for some children we have made this request to support those families who find head lice a recurrent and annoying problem

As half term approaches we are in the middle of our newest topic "Long Ago". We hope you are enjoying the Open Homework Projects! We have a lot of exciting things coming up. It is National Book Week very soon and we have a number of fun activities organised. Please take a look at the Things to Look Forward to section.

## Tests

In this term we start to prepare the children for the statutory tests that some year groups will sit in the summer term. The dates for these test weeks are as follows.

Year 6 SAT's test will take place in the week of 9th May.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test will take place the week of June 13th.

We will let you know nearer the time the exact dates for Year 2 SAT's tests.

As you know, holidays in term time are restricted to those who have exceptional circumstances and it is especially important that children in these year groups do not take time off school over these dates. The children will be well prepared for the tests and every effort is being made in school to support children's learning in readiness for them.

## Milk

We have been offering milk every day to all children at lunchtime. This has been funded by school. It has been very popular so this will continue until the end of term. At this time we will assess again how successful it has been and would welcome any feedback you may have.



## Things to look forward too!

**School will re-open after half term on Monday 23rd February.**

**Wednesday 4th March - Visit from Seven Stories**

**Thursday 5th March - World Book Day, dress up as your favourite book character ( don't forget to bring your book!)**

**Friday 6th March - Topic Open afternoon from 1.30pm onwards**

**Tuesday 10th March– KS1 will be going to Soccerna (more info to follow)**

**Friday 13th March - Red Nose Day, we have red noses available to buy in school, we will inform you when they go on sale.**

**Thursday 26th March - School closes for Easter**

**Monday 13th April - School Re-opens**



# RE

This term in RE the children have been learning all about Jesus and why he is important to Christians. They have been learning a wide range of parables that Jesus told and also the messages behind them.

Abigail, Eleanor and Rebecca have also had their first communion this term. Congratulations girls!

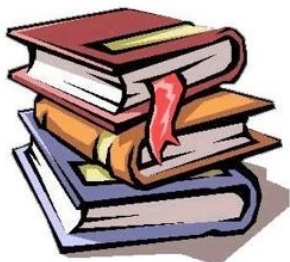
## Outdoor Developments

After Mrs O'Reilly applied for a Sport England Grant a number of months ago and we were lucky enough to be one of the schools who were successful. The grant is aimed at improving the outdoor space we have. We expect to be given a date very soon for the instillation of basketball nets, goals and a traverse wall for our playground.

Although the process has been a long one, Mrs O'Reilly has worked hard to achieve this for us and I am sure the children will appreciate her efforts when we have our project completed.

We are pleased to see that after much planning and consideration the Early Years Play Area now has a new climbing frame and sand pit. The previous play area had reached the end of its life and I think you will agree that the children will enjoy the new one.

## Donations



It is that time of year again when we ask you to take a look on your book shelves and send in any unwanted books for our Second Hand Book Fair. We hold the book fair every year and use the funds to make sure that we keep our school library stocked with new books.

Visit our school Website:  
[www.huttonhenry.durham.sch.uk](http://www.huttonhenry.durham.sch.uk)



## E Safety

February 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 is Safer Internet Day, a day that is important to our staff and pupils. Safer Internet Day is run by the INSAFE network and is celebrated every year across Europe and other countries around the world. In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre ([www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)) and this year's theme is 'Let's Create a Better Internet Together'. This week we have been celebrating the many positives of the internet and raising awareness of issues that children and young people face online today. Attached to this newsletter is some guidance for parents regarding safe use of technology and the internet. If you have any queries or concerns, or just need further advice about any issues raised, please do not hesitate to contact school.

## Eco Committee

The Eco Committee are thinking about recycling this term and have lots of plans to encourage the other pupils in school to help them out.

