



DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 20th January 2023

Last week

I wanted to start this week's newsletter with an apology for not getting last week's out to you. Friday just completely ran away with me and I didn't get one done. So this week is double the news.

Firstly I have to acknowledge Mrs Glaister's moving on. We had a very emotional assembly last Friday where we got the chance to show our appreciation for everything she has done for the school and children. The Year 5 class read out their thoughts about Judith and the same words kept coming up; kind, caring, fun. We could not have better words to sum up Mrs Glaister. She is sorely missed by us all.

What's been happening?

We are busy as always in school with lots of excellent work and behaviour. The Y5 and 6 classes have had a dance and drama workshop this week organised by a member of the Workington Academy staff who was a trainee teacher with us last year. The children had a great time and Y5 had lots to tell me about the story they were creating from some music they had worked with. My thanks go to Miss Houghton and the young people who came with her for giving our children such a wonderful day.

We had a visit from our School Improvement Partner, Sue Blair, yesterday. I just wanted to share with you her words on the children. She wrote:

It was lovely to see so many positives and meet so many of your wonderful children (albeit briefly). Your children are such a credit to you - polite, excited to engage and full of joy de vie

Of course we already know our children are polite and excited to learn, but it is nice to hear it from someone else too.

Our Young Voices choir are busy practising for the concert in Manchester, which is now only a couple of weeks away. Their singing is lovely and I know they will have an amazing time at the concert.

Strike Action

I am sure you will be aware there are a series of strikes for Teachers in February and March. This industrial action will only affect our nursery which will be closed on strike days. My apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Child Care

Did you know if you are working parents you can get Government help with child care costs?

Please follow the link for more information

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK
\(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

We accept child care vouchers in nursery so it's worth checking out.

Curriculum

I know in previous questionnaires that parents have expressed they do not know what's happening in terms of what themes the children are learning about.

Staff send out termly newsletters to let parents know what their children are studying but to add to that I've popped the curriculum map for the spring term for Years 1 to 6 and the year plans for Nursery and Reception. I hope you find these useful.

Contact and permissions

Just a little reminder that we should have all your up to date contacts and permissions for children so we are able to contact you in an emergency and so no children go on the website or Facebook who shouldn't. If anything has changed recently please can you let us know at the office. Thank you

Attendance

Attendance figures for last week and this week are:

	Week ending 13th	Week ending 20th
Nursery	96.22%	93.12%
Reception	96%	97.35%
Year 1	95.29%	95.44%
Year 2	95.56%	91.43%
Year 3	86.9%	92.4%
Year 4	95.86%	96.18%
Year 5	95.81%	95.73%
Year 6 Mrs Smith	97.89%	97.42%
Year 6 Mrs Ivison	98.82%	100%

Congratulations to Year 6 Mrs Ivison for 100% this week!!

Headteacher Awards for week ending 13th January

<p>Nursery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Alfie Dickinson✓ Ava Donachy <p>Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ George Ferguson✓ Sophie Copeland✓ Hayden Gee <p>Year One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Paddy Pattinson✓ Saul Cartner✓ Jonny Frankham✓ William Shaw <p>Year Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Charlie Ross✓ Ivy Hodgson	<p>Year Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Mitchell Nicol✓ Jake Askew✓ Ben Bromley✓ James Todd <p>Year Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Penny Murphy✓ Nate Young <p>Year Five</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Mrs Glaister✓ Kaleb McKenzie <p>Year Six</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Finlay Hall✓ Alexander Ip✓ Riley Nutter✓ Molly Wilkinson✓ Blake Cartner✓ Esme Blackburn✓ Ella Maguire
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Mrs Glaister asked for all children to be given Headteacher's awards because they are all so wonderful.

Courtesy Cups

This week courtesy cups went to:

Freddie Hindmoor

Finn Holmes

Freya Hall

Belle Fidler

Headteacher Awards for week ending 20th January

<p>Nursery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Lucas Adams✓ Iyla-Beau Park <p>Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Hunter Campbell✓ Bailey White <p>Year One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Matthew Ireland✓ William Wilson✓ Archer Hetherington✓ Elliott Tubman <p>Year Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Kayden Plaskett✓ Lucy Penn✓ Dylan Foster✓ Summer Mossop	<p>Year Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Freya Hall✓ Hollie Hodgson✓ Stacie Nasadiuk✓ Alex Russell <p>Year Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Amelia Simpson✓ Kendall Rumney✓ Willow Corrie✓ Emily Bishop <p>Year Five</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Alysha Rickerby✓ Lillie Holmes✓ Zac Sadler✓ Bella Dixon✓ Ozzy Gorst✓ Cooper Hetherington <p>Year Six</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Caitlyn Hadley✓ Amelia Gibson✓ Maria Wilson✓ Zachary Lowell✓ Aidan Oultram
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Courtesy Cups

Cohen Parker

Freddie Cresswell

Isaac Scholey

Callum Kirkbride

Dates for your diary

Dates for this term so far. New dates highlighted

- Monday 23rd January – Y5 and Nursery to Maryport Library
- Thursday 26th January – Young Voices concert in school
- Friday 27th January – Reception and Y6 Maryport library
- Wednesday 1st February – Young Voices
- Wednesday 1st February – Nursery closed due to industrial action
- Wednesday 1st February – Year 1 & 2 to the Beacon in Whitehaven
- Friday 3rd February – Years 2 and 4 Maryport library visit
- Friday 3rd February – Maryport Rugby Club to do rugby with Reception and Years 1&2
- Week of 6th February – mental health week
- Thursday 9th February – Years 1 and 3 Maryport library visit
- Friday 10th February – dress to express day (more details to follow)
- Friday 17th February – Half term
- Friday 17th February – Mr MacCreedy's last day

I will add to this list as dates come into the diary so you can free up your calendars where possible.