



# HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### Weekly newsletter 5 W/E 7th October 2022

**PLEASE NOTE: Car park gates are closed between 8.25am - 9.00am & 2.55pm - 3.30pm for safety**

Monday 10th Oct 2022

Nur trip - £23.00

W/B 10th Oct 2022

Parental appointments

Wed 12th Oct 2022 - 10am

Harvest Festival: ticket on sale

Wed 5th - Tues 11th Oct

W/B 17th Oct 2022

Derwent Hill

Friday 21st Oct 2022

Break up for half term

Monday 31st Oct 2022

- CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
- Year 1 & 2 workshop £1.50
- Halloween Disco £2.00
- KS1-3.00pm - 4.00pm
- KS2 4.15pm - 5.15pm
- Tickets on sale **Wednesday 12th - Wednesday 19th Oct**

Monday 14th Nov 2022

School photos

Tuesday 15th Nov 2022

Y6 trip - £14.70 - to be paid by Friday 4th Nov.

Friday 18th Nov 2022

Children in Need - wear spots / own clothes - cake sale

Friday 25th Nov 2022

Y2 & 3 trip - £4.90 - to be paid by Friday 11th Nov.

Tuesday 20th Dec 2022

Break up for Christmas

Wednesday 4th Jan 2023

INSET—NO CHILDREN

Thursday 5th Jan 2023

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

W/B 8th May 2023

KS2 SATS -

**PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS**

Evolve - School Meal ordering system

Thank you to everyone for your patience with the new roll out of the school meal ordering system, it seems to be running really well. The children seem to be enjoying selecting their names when they come in for their dinners.

Just a few reminders –

- Orders need to be placed before **Tuesday 12.00 midnight** for the following week. Any orders not received before that time will mean that the children will be given the default meal of jacket potato and a filling each day
- Please note orders for after the half term holiday **MUST** be placed by **TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER**.
- You can also change your child's meals prior to the cut-off time of Tuesday 12.00 midnight
- Once your meals are in the basket, please make sure you process the basket and click the pay button (you are not paying for the meals, you are just checking them out)
- You can order your meals in advance as far as you like – the school menus run for 4 weeks and then repeat.

Please sit with your child to choose the menus as this helps them know what they are eating that week – we have had some children not eat their dinners as they do not like the choice chosen for them or they weren't aware of what had been chosen for them.

We have contacted those parents whose children have not eaten the chosen meal each day this week, so that they can change the choice when that menu is next on. I can see from our system that quite a few parents have not ordered their meals for next week despite reminders from the school. We really want the children to be eating meals that you and the children have chosen, so please make sure the meals are ordered for each week.

If you have any queries, or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week:

- Noel Lamb
- Heidi Whittle
- Verity Moon
- Sophia Simpson
- Bobbi Barrs
- Jack Gill
- Jessica Young
- Leon Newton

Every week, a 'Hero of the Week' is chosen from each class and they get to add 10 tokens to their house collection!

Harvest

As you know, our harvest festival is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October and we will be giving any donations to our local foodbank. If you can spare anything, please send it in with your child before Wednesday. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Rugby League World Cup Match Tickets Raffle

We have got 4 tickets available for the Rugby League World Cup match - England v Samoa taking place at St James' Park, Newcastle on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2:30 k.o. You can buy raffle tickets from the office for 50p. The raffle will be drawn at the harvest festival on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 30th September:

KS1:Y2	95.60%
KS2:Y3	94.30%

Happy Birthday to the children who have had Birthdays this week:

Oliver	Beckett
Jaxon	Smith
Charlie	Butler
Harry	Lupton
Adeline	Kyei



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### Halloween

Please remember that your child can come to school in fancy dress on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. We will also be having after-school Halloween parties that day and tickets will be available from the office for £2 per child. This will include a hot dog, drink and goodie bag.

- EYFS and KS1 – 3pm – 4pm
- KS2 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 12th October - Wednesday 19th October.

**Please Note** that tickets **CANNOT** be bought after this date as we need to have final numbers in order to organise the event.



### Parental Appointments

Thank you for booking your parents evening appointments so promptly. Please ensure you are clear if you have booked a face-to-face appointment or a telephone appointment. This information was in the email sent on Monday 3rd October. If you have booked a telephone appointment, your call may come from a withheld number/'no caller ID'. Please endeavour to answer this.

### Attendance – We're Here to Help!

Good attendance is not just valuable, it is essential! Going to school regularly is directly linked to better academic progress and performance. It is extremely important that your child attends regularly in every year group (not just Year 6) as children's brains make links to prior learning and any gaps can cause difficulties learning new concepts.

Not only is good attendance essential for academic success, but also for personal and social development. Breaks in attendance make it difficult for children to build and sustain friendships. If your child is regularly absent, other children will be less likely to form strong bonds as on days your child is absent, they would have no one to play with.

95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days

**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS**

**WHAT DO YOUR  
ATTENDANCE  
FIGURES  
ACTUALLY MEAN?**

If you would like any support/advice regarding your child's attendance/punctuality, please get in touch.

### Cost of Living Crisis Support

#### Coat Swap

We all know how quickly children grow and need new clothes! Do you/your child have an old winter coat at home that you no longer use/need? Has your child outgrown their winter coat and in need of a new one? If yes, please drop it into school by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October (perhaps you could bring it to the harvest festival). We will then arrange sessions for parents the following week, to can come and take a coat that fits your child.

We will also take donations of hats, scarves and gloves too!

#### Uniform Swap

In the coming weeks, we would like to set up a uniform swap. Please send in any school uniform that you no longer use.



### Labelling School Uniform

The sorting of lost property is becoming an increasingly large task for school staff, which takes their time away from working with your children. Over the weekend, please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled, particularly items they might take off while in school (eg coats, jumpers, cardigans and PE jackets). Next week, school staff will write the names into any remaining items that don't have names.

### The Friends of Hylton Castle Primary School

We are looking to re-establish our Friends of Hylton Castle Primary School. Our Friends Association is a group of staff and parents who work together in organising and arranging activities and events for our children and school on a voluntary basis. Some of these are fund raising events to raise money for the children to give them those little extra treats they deserve. We also hope that the Friends Association will be able to support with the running of our uniform swap mentioned in this newsletter. If any parent would be interested in finding out more about the Friends group and possibly becoming a member, could you please leave your name and contact details at the office and Miss Clark will get in touch with you.



### OPAL Types of Play

As an OPAL school we believe all children have the right to play. We are committed to providing the best possible play experience for your child. This including allowing lots of different types of play. Please see our poster for the types of play we promote in school.



### Year 6

Year 6 completed an 'information station' lesson in the hall to learn all about daily life in Ancient Greek times. They visited the different stations and used a range of sources (illustrations, photographs of sculpture, books and a website) to find out as much as they could about what it was like to live in Ancient Greek times.



### Year 4

Year 4 had a history visitor in school, who brought lots of props and items from the Anglo-Saxon times. They learned a lot about the Anglo-Saxons and had the opportunity to dress up as one. The props were passed around at the end for the children to take a closer look at, which they were thrilled about. There were swords, helmets, spears, shields, clothes and many more items. They also asked some really good questions at the end of the session.

