



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 17 W/E 2nd February 2024

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 8th Feb 2024**
Chinese new year meal - £2.40
if your child is on packed lunches & would like a meal that day.
- Monday 12th February 2024**
Well being day - wear purple
- Friday 16th February 2024**
Break up for half term
• Nursery workshare 10.00am / 1.00pm
- Monday 26th February 2024**
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
Parental appointments week
- Tuesday 27th February 2024**
Y2 visitor - £3.70 - to be paid by Fri 16th February
- Friday 8th March 2024**
World Book Day - more info to follow
- Friday 15th March 2024**
Comic Relief - more info to follow
- Thursday 28th March 2024**
Break up for Easter
- Monday 15th April 2024**
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
- Thursday 18th April 2024**
Nur trip - £17.95—to be paid by Thurs 28th March
- Friday 24th May 2024**
Break up for half term
- Monday 3rd June 2024**
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
- Friday 19th July 2024**
Break up for summer holiday

Parental Appointments

Parental appointments week is the week beginning 26th February, the first week back after half term.

On Friday 9th February parents/carers will be sent a text message/ email with a link to book a slot with their child's teacher. Can you please write in the comments box if you would like a phone call or face to face appointment (ALL children on the SEN register will require a face to face appointment so their learning plan can be shared). A slot will be allocated by school to anyone that hasn't booked.



Derwent Hill – Spaces Available

We still have a few places left for our upcoming trip to Derwent Hill (November 4th – November 8th). This is an amazing opportunity for children to develop a variety of personal skills, have fun with their friends and make life-long memories. If your child is interested, the cost is £316. This includes transport, four night's all-inclusive accommodation, highly trained instructors facilitating adventurous activities (including equipment and insurance) and outdoor clothing, walking boots, bedding etc. If your child is currently in Year 4 or 5 and would like to go, please contact the school office by the end of next week. If we still have places available then, we may offer them to current Year 3 children. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs Wood.



Book Fair

Week beginning 26th February, there will be a mobile book fair in the school hall. This will be open from 3pm right through parental appointments. Please pop in, either after school or when you come to your appointment.



Book Donations

We have a growing number of children in school who are loving reading for pleasure and are looking to develop our book offer in school. If you have any children's books at home, that are no longer used, but are still in good condition, we would be extremely grateful if you would consider donating them to us.



Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week & last:

- Dude Thomas Calder
- Jace Jones
- Lucas Hind
- Ashton Welsh
- Lacey Stokoe
- Amari Butler
- Lucie Flemming
- Lena Smolinska
- Harry Mackay

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

OPAL Heroes



The OPAL Superstar award is awarded to someone who has showed a real commitment to OPAL and being a positive role models to others.

The winner for this week is :

- Lucie Flemming

A huge well done and keep it up.

Happy Birthday to the children who have a birthdays this week:



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| Katie | Coates |
| Jessie | Fishburn |
| Anna | Robins |
| Kayden | Jukes |

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 26th January:

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| KS1: Y2 | 94.00% |
| KS2: Y5 | 95.17% |

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OPAL Update



Here is a glimpse of some of the fun we have with OPAL. Thank you for your continued support



Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed reading 'Perfectly Norman' together. This was to promote anti-bullying and the children expressing themselves. After the story, everyone decorated a set of wings, just like Perfectly Norman, to represent themselves. Every set of wings turned out to be unique. We took pictures of the children and added them into the middle of their wings and it has created a lovely display in class, to remind the children that everyone is different and to continue to express themselves. They will bring these home at the end of the year, but for now, here is a sneak peak of the display 😊



Year 2

Last week in geography we learnt about physical and human features in Hylton Castle. On our way back from swimming, we walked around the local area and found lots of human and physical features.



Nursery

Nursery have been enjoying time in their new reading garden. They have been reading stories on their toadstool chairs and retelling stories using our puppets. We cannot wait to add some twinkly lights and flowers to our archway to make it even more cosy.



Reception

Reception children have enjoyed making chocolate microwave mug cakes! Great teamwork and turn taking. They turned out great and the children enjoyed eating them with cream.



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about the five senses. They had a brilliant time testing different sweets and comparing them using their senses!



Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about light in science, how it travels in straight lines and can not bend. This means that when light is blocked by an opaque object, and area without light is created on the other side- a shadow. We have enjoyed experimenting with exactly how shadows get their shape.

