

11 March 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

HMS WEEKLY UPDATE

Parent/ Carer Survey

As valued members of the HMS community, I would welcome your feedback on school life at HMS from your perspective as a parent/carer. I would really appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the feedback survey at this [link](#) so that we can continually seek to improve the educational experience of our young people. The survey will close on Wednesday 23 March. Thank you for your continued support.

KS2 Author Talk: Vashti Hardy is coming to HMS!

From Wildspark and Brightstorm to Crow Fall, Vashti writes exciting, critically-acclaimed books full of twists, inventions and unique lands, creating fabulous and believable worlds for us to get lost in and unique creatures that stay with you long after you finish her books. There are exciting characters, adventures and strength based on hope, friendship and family.



Vashti is visiting HMS to talk to KS2 on Wednesday 30 March. There will be an opportunity to buy some of Vashti's books and have them signed by her on the day (details to follow). Many thanks to the Hexham Book Festival and HMS PTA for making Vashti's visit possible.

Online Safety: TikTok

Open View education have produced a useful TikTok guide for parents. Should you wish to view this, please click this [link](#).

Car Park Safety & Pupil Drop-Off

Should you need to drop your child off at school, please follow a clockwise loop and drop off at the top of the car park, closest to the Hydro building. This means that pupils won't need to walk through the car park to get into the school building. Please also note that our speed limit is 10mph.

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Ofsted SEND Inspection Pilot

Northumberland County Council are piloting a new Ofsted SEND Inspection framework and are seeking the views of parents/carers, pupils and staff. This will focus on the impact education, social care and health leadership and services have on the experiences and outcomes for those with SEND aged 0-25 years. The pilot will evaluate arrangements for all children and young people with SEND aged 0-25, including those with an education, health and care plan (EHCP) and those receiving SEN support. If you would like to complete the survey, please access the parent/carer link [here](#) and/or the link for children and young people [here](#).



House Point Totals

Below are this week's House Point totals as well as the '**Top 4**' pupils in each year group this week. P points are awarded for character value such as **resilience, respect, engagement and responsibility**. Well done to each and every one of them.

House Totals		Top 4 'P Points' in each year							
		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
Aln	32,342	1	Lucas S	1	Hudson R C	1	Imogen S	1	Lexie B
Coquet	35,569	2	Evie M D	2	Gabriel B	2	Josh D	2	Beth R
Tweed	32,491	3	Estella F	3	Leila E W	3	Robson B	3	Orla O F
Wansbeck	35,065	4	Lily B	4	Livia M	4	Brooke C	4	David C

Respect, Engage, Aspire: Pupil Awards

To capture our school's ethos more prominently, we are now focusing on three key words: **Respect, Engage, Aspire**. Each week, staff will make nominations in recognition of pupils showing these characteristics in and around school.

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Respect	Marc B	Poppy C	Imogen S	David C
Engage	Stephen W	Joseph O	Robson B	Oliver S
Aspire	Cameron S	Madelyn C	Josh D	Tess A

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Attendance – top form classes!

1	2	3
6FHI	5FHA	5HCO / 8ETA

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans Consultation

Northumberland County Council have produced a blueprint for the proposed walking and cycling network for Hexham (among other towns). NCC will use the outcome of the consultation for their future investment plans and, as such, it will be an important document for Hexham. The views collected through this consultation will help shape active travel in Northumberland over the next 10 years. This consultation will run from 7 March 2022 to 15 April 2022. If you wish to contribute to the consultation, it can be accessed at <https://haveyoursay.northumberland.gov.uk/transport/local-cycling-walking-infrastructure-plans/>



Reminders/ Key Dates

Tuesday 15 March	'Mothers and Others' Pop Up Shop, Lunchtime	All years
	HPV Immunisations follow-up	c. 15 pupils
Thursday 17 March	Dilston Physic Garden Visit, P2 & 3	Eco Club
	'Mothers and Others' Pop Up Shop, Lunchtime	All years
Friday 18 March	Comic Relief Day	
Tuesday 29 March	KS2 Easter Disco, 6-7.30pm	Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 30 March	KS3 Social Event – details TBC soon!	Years 7 & 8
Wednesday 30 March	Author visit, P2 – details above	Years 5 & 6
Saturday 11 June – please save the date!	Queen's Jubilee Summer Fair, 1-3pm	All years

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

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