



17 June 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

## HMS WEEKLY UPDATE

# THANK YOU!

### Update on life in school

Thank you so much for your support at our hugely successful Jubilee Fair at school last Saturday – our first on the new school site. It was so well supported by you and your families and we raised an unbelievable £4,672. This is down to the amazing work of our PTA and helpers on the day, as well as your support of school life.

We are now well underway with our focus on transition. We have been working with Partnership first schools to get to know the new year 5 children joining us, and look forward to meeting the children joining other year groups very soon. We will soon be hosting our Y4 Rounders Afternoon and Transfer Day (for new Y5 and new Y9) will be on Tuesday 12 July. For children moving to their next year group, they will find out their new form teacher on Monday 11 July.

We have now updated our website to reflect a slight amendment to our start of term arrangements:

- Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 September are INSET days for school staff.
- Term will commence on Wednesday 7 September for all pupils.

### Mandarin Club

Yesterday in Mandarin Club, pupils had the opportunity to make vegetable spring rolls. Pupils learnt about the origins of spring rolls and the links to the lunar calendar. Thank you to Miss Kwella for supporting pupils in the kitchen as well as our Mandarin teacher for demonstrating how to make the perfect spring roll. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the results look rather delicious! Did you know that spring rolls were originally made in Chinese New Year Banquets and were stacked to look like bars of gold? They got their name because the New Year marks the start of spring in the lunar calendar. If you would like to try making these at home here is the recipe that we used. The recipe is easily adapted so can be made with or without meat/shellfish: <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/.../wrap-your-own-spring-rolls>



### HMS 'Go Green' Uniform Recycling Initiative

In April, we launched a new eco-friendly school uniform recycling service at HMS. The aim is to reduce waste and to recycle uniform items with the school logo. This has been very successful and, following last week's fair, we are now low on stock. If you have any jumpers, t-shirts or logo'd PE uniform –

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please send it in to the HMS office. We are working with the brilliant local charity, Rosie's Corner, who are currently unable to store branded uniform items. Please see full details on our ['School Uniform Recycling' webpage](#). You can make a request for items [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	
<b>Aln</b>	51,718	1	Callum J	1	Oliva L	1	Katie G	1	Vinnie M R
<b>Coquet</b>	55,696	2	Estella F	2	Alfie B	2	Ava C	2	James T
<b>Tweed</b>	51,887	3	Connie R	3	Archie D	3	Poppy A	3	Lola R H
<b>Wansbeck</b>	55,341	4	Dylan B	4	Thomas E	4	Lacey D	4	Cora H

## Road Safety

It is vital that parents/carers bringing children to and from school adhere to the speed limit in local residential streets, some of which are 20mph. There have been some 'near misses' for pupils. Please see below a reminder about arrival and departure procedures as we await the final work on our coach park and line markings in the car park. We have noticed that the mornings are becoming very busy. There has been lots of vehicle movement in the car park in the morning. We need to operate a flow system and there should be **no need to park up whilst dropping off**.

### Arrival:

- We ask that you avoid vehicle movement in the immediate vicinity of the school as much as possible. This helps to reduce traffic on the surrounding streets where pupils are walking to the school site.
- If you do need to drop your child at school (in the car park), please drive safely and slowly (10mph speed limit) in the school car park.
- Please drive straight to the top of the car park, drop your child off at the walkway (not down the car park, please) and then follow the loop around the car park to allow the smooth flow of traffic.

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- When leaving the car park, it would help us if you could **turn left** (allowing our pupils to cross the road safely under the guidance of staff).

Departure:

Due to an increased volume of traffic at the end of the day, we are asking for your support in limiting pick-ups on the school site, where possible. We need the car park to be stationary to allow our pupils to safely find their bus/ taxi and to move around the car park without moving vehicles.

- If you collect your child, please make alternative arrangements to meet them off the school site. For the time being, we will no longer allow collection in the car park.
- If you are visiting the school during the day, please note that you will be unable to leave the car park after 3.00pm when the buses park up. Please either park off site or in the lower bays of the car park and/or be prepared to wait until the school transport leaves at 3.30pm.

We will review all of these arrangements when the coach park opens and will communicate updated procedures in due course. I thank you for your understanding and support.

## Tanga Club

This is a fully inclusive youth club based in Hexham providing exciting activities for young people with Special Educational needs and/or Disabilities, their families and friends. They do not require a diagnosis and cater for children with a range of needs attending specialist and mainstream schools. The weekly youth group is on Fridays, 5.30-7pm, at the Torch Centre in Hexham (term-time). All ages, siblings and friends are very welcome. There is a buffet tea, sensory room, games and lots of fun! There is also a Forest School, an exciting summer holiday programme, a parent group (fortnightly on Thursdays at Hexham Community Centre), a library of specialist toys and equipment and a Centre Parks holiday weekend. Please email Sarah for more information: [sarah.tangaclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.tangaclub@gmail.com).



## Théâtre Sans Frontières in conjunction with Forum Cinema present a Film Night for Ukraine

TSF invites you to a Film Night for Ukraine - eight winning short films made by young filmmakers (aged 13-18) shown at the International Children's Film Festival, Kids Movie Fest, in Kiev, 2017-2021. The films are about the thoughts, fears, dreams and desires of Ukrainian teenagers. Film Night for Ukraine will be introduced by Svitlana Pohasiy, director of Kids Movie Fest, who is now living in Hexham. All proceeds from the night will go towards two residential film camps to be run in western Ukraine this summer. The film camps will be for children and young people orphaned and/or injured in the war. The students will be involved in a range of arts and cultural activities, developing their drama, music, camera and film editing skills. The camp will also offer the

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young people emotional support and respite from the traumas of the recent months. This will take place at the Forum Cinema on Thursday 30 June at 7.30pm.

**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
<b>Respect</b>	Kaidyn B	Sophie S	Lorna D	Oscar F
<b>Engage</b>	Holli M	Max H	Lewis D	Theo C
<b>Aspire</b>	Noah H	Imogen S	Halle P	Olive T

**Attendance – top form classes!**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>5JNI</b>	<b>6FHI</b>	<b>5EKI</b>



**Reminders/ Key Dates**

<b>All week</b>	Assessment week	All years
<b>Sunday 19 – Wednesday 22</b>	Manchester trip	Y7 group
<b>Monday 20 – Wednesday 22</b>	London trip	Y7 group
<b>Thursday 23 June</b>	Reward Board Game Afternoon	Selected pupils
<b>Friday 24 June</b>	Reward Movie Afternoon	Selected pupils
<b>Saturday 25 June</b>	County Athletics Championships	Selected pupils

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

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