

15 July 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

### **HMS WEEKLY UPDATE**

#### **Update on life in school**

We reach the end of the penultimate week of term – this time last year we were packing up the crates and emptying out decades worth of belongings from our old school – how time has flown! We are delighted with the success of our first year in our new school and will reflect more on this in the final update of the year next week.

This week, we welcomed lots of new pupils, including year 4, to the school for Transfer Day. We have also had our Community Open Evening where over 300 visitors came for a tour of our schools and our PTA Games Evening which was a huge success. It was Mr Barry's final Games Evening at HMS and the KS3 children made sure to soak him in the water balloon challenge! We have also had our first Sports Days on the new school site and I must send huge thanks to Mr Gaines, Mrs Stewart and Mr Barry for their hard work in planning such fantastic events. The children had chance to participate and compete in a wide range of sports and events. All in all, the school has had a wonderful buzz and positive energy this week and it has been a delight!

#### **Warm weather reminder**

This week has been very warm and next week is forecast to be equally so, if not warmer! So that all pupils can enjoy summer safely, could you please ensure that sun cream is applied before school, and that pupils bring a water bottle and wear a hat.

**On Monday and Tuesday next week, all pupils can choose to wear their PE uniform so that they are cooler throughout the day. We will also provide additional water stations and allow more time for topping up water bottles throughout the day.**



#### **STEM**

KS2 STEM Club have been busy astronauts over the past few weeks, designing their own rockets. The sessions built on their knowledge of forces, particularly gravity and water pressure. Last Friday was launch day – and every single one was a success! Congratulations to the Space Team, and to all of those who have attended KS2 STEM club this year. We celebrated, of course, with rocket lollies in the sun. What else?!

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Last week pupils also attended STEMfest Net Zero at St James' Park in Newcastle. Pupils took part in fun, interactive sessions, specifically in response to Climate Change and the plans to reach Net Zero by 2030. They got to meet and engage with a number of North East industries working in this sector. A fabulous day was had by all! Please see Hexham Town Council's 'Net Zero' poster competition – details at the end of the update!



## School Uniform

If you are ordering school uniform for the new academic year, please do so by 31 July 2022 to ensure you receive this for our return in September. Please visit [www.michaelsehgal.co.uk](http://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk) to order.



## 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	57,250	1	Kuba M	1	Ellie B	1	Sam B	1	Molly L
Coquet	61,361	2	Oliver H	2	Eliza R	2	Jade L	2	Cora H
Tweed	57,228	3	Robbie S	3	Livia M	3	Henry C	3	Seamus R
Wansbeck	61,469	4	Harry J	4	Phoebe T	4	Aston W W	4	Georgia L

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**Attendance – top form classes!**

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



**Reminders/ Key Dates**

<b>All week</b>	Celebration Assemblies	All years
<b>Monday 18 July</b>	Haltwhistle Pool Visit	Year 6
<b>Tuesday 19 July</b>	End of Year Visit	Year 7
<b>Wednesday 20 July</b>	Kirkley Hall Visit	Year 5
<b>Thursday 21 July</b>	Leavers' Event, evening	Year 8
<b>Friday 22 July</b>	Last day of term! Year 8 will have a Leavers' Brunch during P2 and then all year groups will be in form classes P3-5	All years
<b>Friday 22 July</b>	<b>'Holiday Reading' Book Swap Shop</b> This will take place on the last day of term, Friday 22 July, at lunchtime in the HMS Library. Please bring in a book to exchange – either fiction or non-fiction. All years welcome!	All years

**Community Links**

Hexham Town Council are running a poster and short video competition for pupils in years 1-13, with prizes available for each year group. This competition is in aid of Hexham's goal to become net zero by 2030. The goal is to protect the environment and for Hexham to be carbon neutral, have clean air, clean streams and rivers, and enough space for plants, insects, animals, birds and people to live healthily. They would very much like pupils to take part in this competition, considering: How we will heat our homes in 2030 / How we will travel sustainably in 2030 / How we will reduce waste in 2030 / How we can use renewable energy in 2030 / What benefits we will see in 2030 from doing the 2022 carbon footprint survey.

The competition is to make an A4 poster or 60-second video on one or more of these questions. All pupils at Hexham schools are invited to take part. The deadline to submit is 5pm on 23 September 2022. Please see the attached flyer with more information!

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

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