

Dear Parent/Carer

HMS WEEKLY UPDATE

The final update of the year...

HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE!

As the term comes to an end, it just leaves me to send a HUGE heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. The HMS Community is a special place and it's been another fantastic year at our school.

To the wonderful pupils of our school - thank you for your positive engagement, your approach to learning, your smiles and laughter and for being amazing! You make HMS a special place to work and learn - all of the staff continue to be very proud of you! Special good luck to our Year 8 pupils and anyone else moving on - we wish you all the success in the future! To my amazing staff team - thank you so much for all you do! The staff on Team HMS are a joy - they work with such drive, positivity and dedication and always strive to go above and beyond to provide our pupils with the very best experience.



To you - the HMS community - thank you for your support of everything we do. You always support us, you get involved with all aspects of school life and we are grateful for all you do. It's also been another great year for our HMS PTA who have yet again given countless hours of their own time and energy to raise funds for our school and to provide wonderful opportunities for the children here.

What a team! Have a great summer holiday and we'll see you back for another school year on Tuesday 5th September!

Sports Day 2023 – results

Our Sports Days were a huge success last week. I must repeat by thanks to Mr Gaines and Mrs Stewart for their expert planning. The children engaged well and demonstrated the school values loud and clear. The results are below – a win for Aln this year! Well done everyone for the excellent attitude, effort and contribution towards your House points!

	Aln	Coquet	Tweed	Wansbeck
KS2 C2P	1934	2007	2017	1911
KS2 C2S	219	243	243	226
KS3 C2P	1500	1332	1273	1219
KS3 C2S	220	216	202	201
Total	3873	3798	3735	3557

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Saying goodbye and good luck to Year 8...

WOW - what an assembly! Mr Scott, Miss Lamont and the Year 8 team were delighted to host this year's Year 8 Leavers' Assembly and what a celebration it was. Pupils were recognised for their achievements across the curriculum this term, as well for their P Points, Extra-Curricular Engagement and Attendance. In addition, we awarded our special Jean Barnett Award and the Sports Day and House Cups. Aln were double winners this year and the cups will display blue ribbons for the next year!

Mr Scott also presented a walk down memory lane as we looked back at photographs of the year group from the pupils' time at HMS. A special mention must go to Charley who performed an outstanding song for the year group (accompanied by Mr Holdsworth on guitar) - well done! Mr Scott even arranged a very special video message from Mr Barry who is always keen to be updated on the progress of the year group - it was great to hear from him again!

Mr Scott has loved his first year at HMS and has given our Year 8 pupils such a great end of year to celebrate their time at our school. He is very proud of them all - we all wish them every success as they move onto high school!

The Barnett Award

This special award is presented annually to a pupil in Year 8 who has shown outstanding engagement in sport throughout their time at HMS. The teachers had so many pupils to consider in their nominations process this year. We are so proud of the sporting success of this year group, as well as their willingness to get involved, represent our school and their sportsmanship.

After much deliberating, it was clear that one pupil stood out for her enthusiasm, her sporting talent, her contributions on and off the pitch, her willingness to adapt and an all-round outstanding attitude to sport. This year's very deserving winner is Tiana M. Well done, Tiana - we are all so proud of you and we can't wait to watch your successes at QEHS and beyond!



Thank you to our PTA

I want to extend huge thanks to our wonderful PTA who have once again given hours of their time to support our school. The PTA do more than raise funds – they work so hard to plan exciting events and opportunities and they work hard to bring the whole make sure that HMS is part of the community. A special mention must go to Becky who has been a central part of the HMS PTA for many years and is now leaving. Becky has dedicated so much of her time to supporting HMS and she will be a huge miss. Lots of other volunteers will move on too as their children move to QEHS – your support has been so appreciated. Please also support the new QEHS PTA – most of the members are the brilliant parents who lead the HMS PTA and give up yet more of their time for the children in our schools. THANK YOU ALL!

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.

Final House Totals		Top 4 'P Points' in each year – for the whole year!							
		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
Aln	98,120	1	Annabelle H	1	Callum J	1	Sophie S	1	Isabella S
Coquet	88,876	2	Lily H	2	Noah S	2	Abigail B	2	Josh J
Tweed	92,783	3	Sinjin R	3	Marc B	3	Alastair W	3	Laura W
Wansbeck	91,300	4	Emily W	4	Bess D	4	Carley B	4	El B

The final week... happy memories all round!

Festival vibes came to HMS last night for our Year 8 Leavers' Party. Everyone had a great time singing, dancing, eating and enjoying the celebration! Mr Scott planned a great night with party food, photo booth, DJ and festival make up (thanks to Miss Lamont and Miss Taylor!). We even had a special visit from Tyne Valley Ices - what a treat! Huge thank you to the HMS team who always go above and beyond to make it a special night and to our PTA for their support. Happy memories all round and a well-deserved celebration for Year 8!

Year 8 have also enjoyed waffles and chocolate sauce before their Leavers' Assembly begins. Huge thank you to our catering team for doing this for them!



Pupil Success

We were so proud to hear that Annabelle from Year 6 was awarded Under 11 Athlete of the Year from Northumberland County Netball. What a wonderful achievement to recognise such outstanding commitment from Annabelle. Well done from all of us!!



Summer Celebration Assemblies

Subject	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8
English	Winner: Kirstie A Runner up: Wilfy D	Winner: Evie T Runner up: Lyra R	Winner: Max H Runner up: Carley B	Winner: Cori R Runner up: Robin G
Maths	Winner: Rosie O Runner up: Florence B	Winner: Sophia F N Runner up: Jake D	Winner: Olivia L Runner up: Georgie R	Winner: Josh D Runner up: Anja B
Science	Winner: Emily G Runner up: Elsie M-P	Winner: Oliver L Runner up: Freddie W	Winner: Alfie B Runner up: Emily B	Winner: Troy P Runner up: Iris A
Art	Winner: Sofia O Runner up: Rufus A	Winner: Noah H Runner up: Matilda S	Winner: Martha B Runner up: Lucy M	Winner: Robson B Runner up: Lorna D
Music	Winner: Lauchlan H Runner up: Jamie H	Winner: Harry J Runner up: Lucia L	Winner: Abigail B Runner up: Sam C	Winner: JJ W Runner up: Natty O
PE	Etta L Sinjin R	Ossie D Annabelle M	Isla M Archie D	Grace S Finlay W
Computing	Winner: Monty C Runner up: Annabelle H	Winner: Sarah N Runner up: Ivy M	Winner: Una C-W Runner up: Jacob O	Winner: Anna S Runner up: Henry W
Design Technology	Winner: Sam L Runner up: Kosan N	Winner: William T Runner up: Euan A	Winner: Aidan T Runner up: Lucy H	Winner: Matthew R Runner up: Amy U
Food Technology	Winner: Lewis J Runner up: Lucas S	Winner: Ciera M Runner up: Jyacinth B	Winner: Eliza F Runner up: David T	Winner: Eleanor M Runner up: Esme W
History	Winner: Esme C Runner up: Rose K	Winner: James H Runner up: Felicity F N	Winner: Zaid Z Runner up: Philippa M	Winner: Rose U Runner up: Logan L
Geography	Winner: Harry G Runner up: Holly W	Winner: Bess D Runner up: Caitlyn H	Winner: Luke G Runner up: Charlotte K	Winner: Josiah I Runner up: Vanessa S
French	Winner: Ella R Runner up: Artie O'B	Winner: Zach D Runner up: Caitlyn H	Winner: Lizzie B Runner up: Robert R	Winner: Daisy W Runner up: Katie G

Spanish			Winner: Tom S Runner up: Finley A	Winner: Isobel C Runner up: Faina M
RE	Winner: Oliver D Runner up: Neve B	Winner: Evie W Runner up: Billy B	Winner: Agatha L Runner up: Annabelle O	Winner: Runner up: Caitlyn L
PSHE	Winner: Ida H Runner up: Theo T	Winner: Benson H Runner up: Ruby C	Winner: Sophie S Runner up: Penny J	Winner: Ezra W Runner up: Charlotte A
Drama			Winner: Saffron F Runner up: Theo H G	Winner: Abbi M Runner up: Adam L
Forest School	Winner: Jude D Runner up: Dominique H			
Form Tutor Award	5ABA: Sofia S Betty F 5FHA: Lizzie L Jamie H 5HCO: Archie D Mia R 5JNI: Finley H Daniel B 5MDO: Amelie G Ben N	6RAL: Kuba M Shona R 6MBE: Evie A William M 6JJO: Lil N Connie R 6FHI: Toby C Poppy K 6EKI: William I Isobel S	7ETA: Jack D Madelyn C 7EST: Alistair W Eliza R 7JKW: Lucy H Leila E-W 7JET: Phoebe T Leila S 7AMG: Amber L Michael B-P	8IHO: Imogen S Abbi M 8IBO: Katie A Oli G 8BLA: Tiana M Ava C 8PGA: Jade L Natty O
Head of Key Stage Award	Winner: Duncan G	Winner: Kuba M	Winner: Carley B	Winner: Charlotte A

Scooters/Bikes – reminder

It is great to see so many pupils riding their bikes and scooters to school. That said, safety is of paramount importance to all of us. From September, if children don't wear a helmet, they won't be allowed to bring their scooter or bike to school. Please make sure that your child has a helmet and wears it daily to and from school if they want to continue using them. We also remind the children about road safety, but we have had reports of poor conduct on the scooters which we will be monitoring very closely in September and beyond. Thank you for your support.

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Tuesday 5 th September	Return to school, 8.40am	All years
Friday 8 th September	Year 5 Team Building Day	Year 5
Thursday 14 th September	Welcome Evenings	Years 5 and 6
Friday 15 th September	Extra-curricular programme published	All years
Tuesday 19 th September	Welcome Evening	Years 7 and 8
Tuesday 19 th September	Discovery Museum, history curriculum visit	Year 6
Thursday 21 st September	Head Pupil Recruitment	Year 8
Friday 22 nd September	House Hustings	All years

Have a fantastic summer break everyone – we will see the children back in school on Tuesday 5th September 8.40am. Thank you for your wonderful support this year.

Mr Watters

Head of School

Pupil Support and Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mr Stephenson **Deputy Safeguarding Leaders:** Mr Scott and Miss Liddle

Heads of Key Stage: Mr Scott and Miss Liddle

Deputy Heads of Key Stage: Mrs Downes and Miss Lamont

SENDCo/Assistant SENDCo: Mr Stephenson and Mrs Adams

Academic Support Coordinator: Mrs Toor

Pupil Support Workers: Mrs Dodds and Mrs Richards

Please remember that we are here to support you and your child at any time. You can contact us via the main office (phone) or by email (admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk).