

**NEXT WEEK IS TIMETABLE WEEK 2**

**NEXT WEEK IS MENU WEEK 1**

Dear Parent/Carer

### **HMS WEEKLY UPDATE 15**

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

We have reached the end of a very busy and festive term at HMS. We know how important it is for our children to make happy memories at Christmas time and we hope that everyone has enjoyed the build-up throughout December. It has been a month of joy and happiness with our Carol Service, Christmas Trips, Celebration Assemblies, festive PTA events and much more...

I am always so proud of everyone at HMS - the spirit shines through on a daily basis. Our pupils take engage brilliantly in everything we do. Our staff team show complete dedication to make this the best school possible on a daily basis. Our parents/carers support us with positivity in all that we do and our wonderful PTA go above and beyond to raise funds throughout the year. It's a community effort and we appreciate it all!

Have a wonderful Christmas break, enjoy time your loved ones, and we will see the children back in school at 8.40am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January!

#### **Christmas Carol Service**

Wow - what an amazing night we had at Hexham Abbey for our annual Carol Service. All of the children were an absolute credit to HMS - the musicians, singers and readers were all excellent - we are very proud of the over 150 children who took part on the night. It was so clear to see how much hard work and dedication had gone into making it such a special event and were once again blown away by the talent and confidence on display.

None of this would be possible without the absolute dedication and enthusiasm of Mr Holdsworth who ensures that music is such a huge part of life at our school. This was his 24<sup>th</sup> Carol Service.... each year it's bigger and better than the last! It was a team effort with staff from across the school supporting Mr Holdsworth including Miss Lamont has guest harpist.



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Another very special night for HMS to be proud of!

### Carols in the Community

The HMS Chamber Choir were privileged to visit Acomb Court Care Home and Haltwhistle War Memorial Hospital today where they performed a range of Christmas songs for the residents and patients. It was an absolute joy for us meet the staff and residents today. It is so important to share festive joy at this time of year and we can't wait to extend our 'Carols in the Community' even further next year! We hope everyone enjoyed themselves today.

Thank you to our wonderful choir and to Mr Holdsworth, Mr Freeman-Myers and Mrs Box.



### Christingle Services

Each year group had the opportunity to gather this morning for their Christingle services. The children made their Christingles within their form classes which were lit as part of the reflection. We explored the meaning of the Christingle and the importance of light at Christmas time. We focused on our core character value of generosity and reminded the children how they could be someone's light this festive season. Thank you to Miss Liddle and Mr Freeman-Myers (and to Miss Gray for doing the shopping!)

### Celebration Assemblies

We were delighted to hold our 'Celebration Assemblies' for all year groups yesterday. The assemblies are always a chance to reflect positively on the term and to recognise the achievements of our amazing pupils. Miss Liddle and Mr Scott were very proud to present awards for each subject across the curriculum, 100% attendance awards, P-point milestones and participation awards. Of course, we had some festive songs and an opportunity to sing along... it's nearly Christmas!

	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8
<b>English</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Ben R <b>Runner up:</b> Iona R	<b>Winner:</b> Rosie O <b>Runner up:</b> Joseph H	<b>Winner:</b> Alex W <b>Runner up:</b> Evie J	<b>Winner:</b> Phoebe T <b>Runner up:</b> Max H
<b>Maths</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Charlotte B <b>Runner up:</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Walt M <b>Runner up:</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Marc B <b>Runner up:</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Josiah N <b>Runner up:</b>

	Ruby S	Elsie-May P	Clara H	Lily May M
<b>Science</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Ed S <b>Runner up:</b> Laila B	<b>Winner:</b> Jack L <b>Runner up:</b> Emily G	<b>Winner:</b> Noah S <b>Runner up:</b> Florence O'B	<b>Winner:</b> Cameron S <b>Runner up:</b> Lelia S
<b>Art</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Theo B <b>Runner up:</b> Jennifer V	<b>Winner:</b> Sofia S <b>Runner up:</b> Duncan G	<b>Winner:</b> Evie A <b>Runner up:</b> Noah W	<b>Winner:</b> Ferdi U <b>Runner up:</b> Saffron F
<b>Music</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Meghan J <b>Runner up:</b> Alexander T	<b>Winner:</b> Jamie H <b>Runner up:</b> Effie R-B	<b>Winner:</b> James H <b>Runner up:</b> Beatrice S	<b>Winner:</b> Alistair W <b>Runner up:</b> George H
<b>PE</b>	Iris H Finlay F	Xav H-L Kirstie A	Charlie M Lucia L	Lewis P Sophie W
<b>Computing</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Alec W-W <b>Runner up:</b> Tessa H	<b>Winner:</b> Sam L <b>Runner up:</b> Daisy H-R	<b>Winner:</b> William M <b>Runner up:</b> Esme B	<b>Winner:</b> Eliza R <b>Runner up:</b> Jack D
<b>Design Technology</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Meike O <b>Runner up:</b> Freddie S	<b>Winner:</b> Anna F <b>Runner up:</b> Owen F	<b>Winner:</b> Noah H <b>Runner up:</b> Khloe M	<b>Winner:</b> Emilia S <b>Runner up:</b> Philippa M
<b>Food Technology</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Sam S <b>Runner up:</b> Sofia P	<b>Winner:</b> Henry L <b>Runner up:</b> Lily R-B	<b>Winner:</b> Noah H <b>Runner up:</b> Amelia M	<b>Winner:</b> Bella W <b>Runner up:</b> Charlie S
<b>History</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Heidi B <b>Runner up:</b> Charlie M	<b>Winner:</b> Harry G <b>Runner up:</b> Betti A	<b>Winner:</b> Mia S <b>Runner up:</b> Tom N	<b>Winner:</b> Freya B <b>Runner up:</b> Charlie S
<b>Geography</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Sam G <b>Runner up:</b> Nancy M	<b>Winner:</b> Jacob A <b>Runner up:</b> Joanna R	<b>Winner:</b> Annabelle R <b>Runner up:</b> James L	<b>Winner:</b> Alastair Wa <b>Runner up:</b> Annabelle O
<b>French</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Isabella S <b>Runner up:</b> Kai B	<b>Winner:</b> Georgie W <b>Runner up:</b> Kosan N	<b>Winner:</b> Anna O <b>Runner up:</b> Sarah N	<b>Winner:</b> Robert R <b>Runner up:</b> Sam C
<b>Spanish</b>			<b>Winner:</b> Jessica P <b>Runner up:</b> Cameron S	<b>Winner:</b> Jacob O <b>Runner up:</b> Abbie W
<b>RE</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Isobel B <b>Runner up:</b> Eric J	<b>Winner:</b> Ben N <b>Runner up:</b> Ella R	<b>Winner:</b> Tristan J <b>Runner up:</b> Sarah N	<b>Winner:</b> Lucy <b>Runner up:</b> Theo H G
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Elise C <b>Runner up:</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Lauchlan H <b>Runner up:</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Hope B <b>Runner up:</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Emily B <b>Runner up:</b>

	Owen B	India R	Magnus C	Jacob O
<b>Drama</b>			<b>Winner:</b> Alfie R-W <b>Runner up:</b> Lavina T	<b>Winner:</b> Carley B <b>Runner up:</b> Oliver E
<b>Forest School</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Isabelle C <b>Runner up:</b> Jacob B			
<b>Form Tutor Award</b>	<b>5EKI:</b> Isla T Arthur C <b>5FHA:</b> Blake T Heidi B <b>5JNI:</b> Sadie B Claudie D <b>5MDO:</b> Lauren D Jack L <b>5ZSC:</b> Ben C Katlyn H	<b>6FHI:</b> Katie G Lauchlan H <b>6JJO:</b> Joseph D Mia R <b>6MBE:</b> Lily A Rufus A <b>6RAL:</b> Ben N Aurelia <b>6YTA:</b> Daisy H-R Neve B	<b>7AMG:</b> Marc B Bea S <b>7EST:</b> Kuba M Harry J <b>7JET:</b> Evie Mae D Finn C <b>7PGA:</b> Esme B Annabelle R <b>7SFO:</b> Henry W Alice B	<b>8IHO:</b> Isla M Ferdi U <b>8ETA:</b> Lorien V Archie B <b>8IBO:</b> Tom S Eliza R <b>8BLA:</b> Una C-W Max H <b>8SRI:</b> Sophie V Penny J
<b>Head of Key Stage Award</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Sophia R <b>Deputy:</b> Aimee C	<b>Winner:</b> Mia R <b>Deputy:</b> Jamie H	<b>Winner:</b> Evie A <b>Deputy:</b> Annabelle R	<b>Winner:</b> Max H <b>Deputy:</b>

### 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>	40,182	1	Meghan J	1	Duncan G	1	Benjamin F	1	Eve W
<b>Coquet</b>	40,126	2	Jessie T	2	Elsie L	2	Cory S	2	David T
<b>Tweed</b>	39,832	3	Nancy M	3	Emily G	3	Florence OB	3	Abbie W
<b>Wansbeck</b>	38,459	4	George L	4	James C	4	Rosie P	4	Martha B

### Attendance – top 3!

1	2	3
5-FHA, 5-EKI, 6-YTA	8-SRI	6-FHI

### Mental Health and Wellbeing Updates

- Charlie Waller wellbeing in the festive season [link](#)
- **Emotional health and wellbeing** - free online courses are now available for parents, carers grandparents and teens! The aim is to nurture emotional health and wellbeing from bump to 19+ years. Northumberland County Council has partnered with the Solihull Approach to offer free access to expertly designed online courses for parents, carers, grandparents and teens in our region. Sign up free at the below link to understand your child's feelings, as well as your own, as you go through life as a family. You can learn about your child's development and how to support them, whilst also strengthening your relationship.  
<https://inourplace.co.uk/northumberland/>

### Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School reopens for all pupils at 8.40am	All year groups
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 5 Team Building Day	Year 5
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Newcastle University Workshops – The Brain Game	Year 7
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Young Green Briton Challenge – PSHE workshop	Year 7
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Buddhism Workshops	Year 6
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Islam Workshops	Year 8
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Judaism Workshops	Year 5
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Cross Country Championships	KS3
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 8 Parents' Evenings	Year 8

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone – we will see you all in the new 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

**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](mailto:admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk)).

Remember, if you have safeguarding concerns out of school time, you contact Northumberland One Call at any point – see the details below.



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