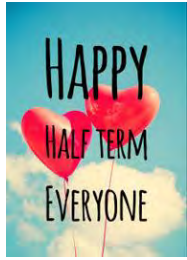


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I can't believe we're at the end of another half term – only one more to go before the end of the year – *time is flying by!* Looking back on this short half term, it's been an action-packed few weeks with so many opportunities for our pupils to shine. The next half term is always a very busy one as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 8 pupils and hello to our Year 5 starters. We'll also be supporting the current Year 5, 6 and 7 children to transfer to their new year groups. As always, the end of the summer term will be a joyous time with the Year 8 leavers' events, transition days, celebrations and our annual end of year trips – *information will have either been shared or will follow early next term.*

Thank you for your continued support - have a great half-term break! Don't forget, our Summer Fair is fast-approaching, and we would love more volunteers to help us with the planning – please get in touch if you could help out.

Staffing Update

I am writing to update you that Mr Freeman-Myers will be leaving the leadership team at the end of this term. After 11 years of wonderful service to our school community, he will be moving on to a very exciting position as Vice Principal of a large secondary school in Gateshead. I am absolutely thrilled for Mr Freeman-Myers, and I know his new school will be very lucky to have him on the team. I am sure you'll all agree that Mr Freeman-Myers has worked tirelessly to ensure that our school is a vibrant, enriching and exciting place to be where our pupils have the very best opportunities every single week. We will have chance to celebrate his dedication and brilliant contribution to the school as the end of term approaches. For now, I know you'll join me in congratulating him on his new role.



PTFA Summer UV Discos



What a way to end the half term last night with our UV Discos! It was such a fun night and great to see so many of our pupils having a fantastic time and glowing – joy all round! Special thanks to our PTFA and the many supporters who helped to make the event another great success. Thank you to Mrs Herrmann, Miss Kingett, Miss Scott, Mrs Downes, Mr Nichol, Mrs George, Mr Scott and Mr Cant for their support on



the night.

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Head of School Awards

This month's Head of School Award theme was 'creativity' – one of our core Skills Builder themes. I was delighted to see the children being recognised for their wonderful approach to school life. It was great to celebrate the positive contribution each pupil makes to our school community – I am very proud of them all. Pupils in school today joined me for a special breakfast earlier (breakfast sandwiches, pastries and hot chocolate) and received a certificate and P5 award! A huge well done to everyone celebrated today!



| Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 | Year 8 |
|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Finley P | Amelie F | Sadie B | Tobias S |
| Mia B | Sophia M | Liam J-G | Jamie H |
| Bobby B | Ava B | Jess D | Emily G |
| Hugo B | Charlie A | Heidi B | Lily H |
| Alfie J | Margot D | JT Vinck | Lachlan H |
| Harris A | Jemima C | | |

House Point Totals

Each week, we celebrate our P Point (positive point) total across the school. We include the 'Top 4' pupils in each year group, as well as the overall house totals for Aln, Coquet, Wansbeck and Tweed.

| House Totals | | Top 4 'P Points' in each year | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | | Year 5 | | Year 6 | | Year 7 | | Year 8 | |
| Aln | 67,844 | 1 | Tristan S | 1 | Sebastian D | 1 | Eric J | 1 | Tobias S |
| Coquet | 68,246 | 2 | Nola P | 2 | Millie C | 2 | Adam H | 2 | William D |
| Tweed | 67,857 | 3 | Adam A | 3 | Brianna H | 3 | Charlie P | 3 | Etta L |
| Wansbeck | 68,066 | 4 | Jac S | 4 | William F | 4 | Claudia D | 4 | Emily W |

Oases Project – Grey to Green



It has been a real pleasure to work with Oases over the past year. Archie, George, Lewis and Carter had a great morning out and about yesterday - thank you for your hard work. The new green roof structure has established well, and the water irrigation system is up and running. The new timber planter is now fully stocked and looking great! Our gardening club members have enjoyed planting around the site too.

The next step is for more planters around the yard spaces. If you know anyone who would like to sponsor a planter or new bench, please get in touch with us. We also love indoor plants around school and donations are always welcome.

Pupil Success



Congratulations to Jackson, Hugo, Marcus and Ryan who have completed a league and cup double, by winning the Vase Cup Final 7-1 against higher league opposition. This follows on from winning the league unbeaten at the weekend. Their team; Consett Blackfyne Pumas have scored an astonishing 234 goals and conceded only 18, over their league and cup campaigns. What a fantastic achievement, well done to them and their fellow teammates!



Maths Challenge



We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our Year 7 and Year 8 students who took part in the recent Maths Challenge. This competition is designed to stretch problem-solving skills in unfamiliar contexts, making it a real test of resilience and creativity, and we are incredibly proud of all students who took part and gave their best effort.

| | Year 7 | Year 8 |
|--------|---|--|
| Bronze | Alfie B, Charlotte B, Leo B, Leo C, Ben C, Claudia D, Jess D, Tom G, Edward H, Will M, Sofia P, Frejya R, Noah R, Alex T, Isis T-H, Dylan W and Henry W | Walt M, Kirstie A, Betti A, Wilfy D, Leo H, Henry L, Maja M and Effie R-B |
| Silver | Sadie B, Finlay F, James L, Charlie M, Aidan M, Meike O, Hollie W and Dylan W | Oliver B, Florence B, Harry B, Emily G, Matty M, Artie O'B, Evie R-C and Ben T |
| Gold | Arthur C, James D, Francesca F and JT V | Joseph D, Tyler H, Finn S and Ben S |

This is a fantastic accomplishment, and the pupils should be very proud.

Attendance – Top 3!

This week's attendance dropped slightly to 94% - let's aim to make a really positive start to the final summer term. We really value that our pupils and parents have a positive attitude towards school attendance – pupils should be in school every day, ready to learn and to make the most of their school

opportunities. We encourage pupils to be resilient to ensure that they don't miss out on great learning each day – especially as we enter the colder months. Thank you for your support.

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| 1st form class – 98.5% | 2nd form class – 98% | 3rd form class – 97% |
| 5-JNI | 7-PGA | 8-ETA |

HMS PTFA News

HMS PTFA SUMMER FAIR - SAVE THE DATE

We are very excited to announce the date for this year's [HMS PTFA Summer Fair](#). The PTFA are very busy planning a World Cup themed extravaganza for the whole family to enjoy.

- Saturday 27th June 12-3pm
- Hexham Middle School
- Giant inflatable, raffle, tombola, themed games and stalls, BBQ, refreshments.

If you're able to help plan the summer fair, the PTFA could really use your help! Lots of stalls need themes, decorations, prizes and a bit of preparation support. If you have a creative idea and would like to plan your own stall that would be welcome too! Please get in touch with Amy and Karen by emailing hmsptachair@gmail.com - all support is **HUGELY appreciated**. If you can volunteer on the day, please sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084FAAAC28A6F85-64095724-summer#/>



Personal Development news

Road Safety

On Thursday 4th June, we have Northumbria Police in school to talk to our Year 6 pupils about road safety. There is a pre-workshop survey they would appreciate pupils engaging with. We are sending this home in the hope that parents/carers can facilitate their child completing this. There is a QR code or link to access the survey. It will not take long, and an excellent response rate will certainly help Northumbria Police and us learn more about the impact of these workshops.



Free School Meals

If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please read the criteria and make an application as soon as you can. Find out more on the [Northumberland County Council website](#). To apply, please [complete this form](#) via Northumberland County Council.

School Calendar **(look out for a summer term calendar after the break!)**

| Date | Event | Who |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Monday 1 June | School re-opens at 8.40am | All year groups |
| Monday 1 June | PSHE: Dave Burns Workshop – Online Bullying | Year 6 |
| Monday 1 to Friday 5 June | Spain Trip | Year 7 and Year 8 (group) |
| Wednesday 3 June | KS3 Track and Field English School Cup | KS3 (group) |
| Thursday 4 June | Hexham Partnership Athletics | All year groups |
| Thursday 4 June | PSHE: Northumbria Police – Road Safety | Year 6 |
| Friday 5 June | National Fish and Chip Day | All year groups |
| Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 June | Safety Works Visit | Year 6 |
| Thursday 11 June | Newby Wiske Residential Parent/Carer Info Evening, 5pm | Year 6 |
| Saturday 27 June | HMS PTFA SUMMER FAIR, 12-3pm | All welcome! |

Have a lovely half-term break everyone - thank you for your continued support.

Mr Watters

Pupil Support and Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Mackenzie

Deputy Safeguarding Leaders: Mr Scott, Mr Rutherford-Orrrock, Miss Lamont and Miss Bell

Heads of Key Stage: Miss Bell (Y5), Mr Scott (Y6 and Y7), Miss Lamont (Y8)

SENDCo/Assistant SENDCo: Mr Morgan, Mr Rutherford-Orrrock and Miss Poxton

Academic Support Coordinator: Mrs Toor

Pupil Support Workers: Ms Thompson and Mrs Richards

Attendance Officer: Miss Parradine

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).