



Newsletter

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UNCRC Article 19—All children have the right to be safe.

Parking is an ongoing problem for the school and wider community. Although many of our families using cars park very safely, there are a number of parents and carers who park irresponsibly leading to potential road traffic accidents outside of our school.

Mrs. Simpson, our School Crossing Patrol, is becoming increasingly concerned about this, as we are in school.

Please ensure that you park safely outside of school, and do use the voluntary one-way system to ensure the safety of your children. Thank you.

Parent and Carer Meetings – Online Booking System

UNCRC Article 17 – All children have the right to information.

We welcome your feedback on this new system.

School closes on Friday 17th February.

School re-opens for teaching on Tuesday 28th February.

Please note that school has a Training Day for staff on Monday 27th February.

Thank you.

A Message from Mrs. Boulton

Your children have had a very good start to 2017, returning after the Christmas holidays with a determination to do well in their learning. I am delighted to announce that our Attendance Champions, just before this Newsletter was submitted for printing, with 100% attendance by all children in the class for one whole week, was Miss Sinclair's Class, Class 4H. 4H have indeed set a school record by being the first class at Timothy Hackworth to have been awarded the 'Golden Train'. Well done 4H! They have truly deserved their 'Choc-Ice Playtime'!

Have a good half-term holiday.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child back to school on **Tuesday 28th February 2017.**

Mrs. Boulton

Ofsted Update

UNCRC Article 29 – All children have the right to be the best they can be.

We continue to make progress on our school Ofsted priorities. Our training days in September, and the training day planned for 27th February 2017 link closely to identified priorities on our school Post-Ofsted Action Plan.

As you will be aware, Reading and Attendance are important priorities on this plan.

Please continue to support your children by reading every day with them at home, and by sending your children each day into school. This all helps to enable your school to make progress against our whole school priorities. Thank you.

Pupil of the Week Awards

1T— Reece Tinkler, Hollie Dowson, Spencer-Lee Cutler, Jack Newton, Ruby Hopwood, Alfie White

1H— Joseph Waites, John-Thomas Cleminson, Sophia Marshall, Nathan Wainwright, Logan Hope, Kristie-Grace Whiting

2T— Finley Laffey, Ella Douthwaite, Charlie Aldworth, Kaylem Harbottle, Cale Gillan

2H— Indie Wilson, Brooke Derbyshire, Sam Wright, Joe Dixon, Riley Smith, Brooke Derbyshire

3T— Asena Basudra, Mckenzie Ross, Brandon Vickers, Ryan Dobinson, Mackenzie-Mae Prince, Harry Mckimm, Ben Copland

3H— Macauley Baird, Christopher Alderson, Ewan Hall, Conner Robertson, Kai Wilson, SJ Oman

4T— Kadi-Leigh Sedgwick, Myles Fraser, Daniel White, Lily Holmes

4H— Billy Tinkler, Charlie Storey, Connor Gillan, Billy Tinkler, Tyler Wilkinson

5T— Daniel Tomlinson, Aaron Brown, Alyssa Costello, Eliie Proudfoot-Freeman, Mia Wilson, Owen Wells

5H— Kieran Cleminson, Whole Class, Grace Long, Rayeli Seduadua, Own Robertson

6T— Kennedy Jones, Gabriel Hill, Caitlin Schofield, Brooke Williams, William Foster

6H— Keean Gillan, Daniel Alderson, Cameron Armstrong, Kevin-John Butler, Christian Welch

Mini Police

UNCRC Article 29 – All children have the right to be the best they can be.

The Mini Police have had an exciting Half Term! Our Head Boy, John Murphy, and Head Girl, Tegan Dowson, were selected to be part of a Guard of Honour for Princess Anne at Police Head Quarters in Durham! They had a fabulous time meeting her and members of the Mini Police from other schools in the area.

The Mini Police from Y6 have also had the opportunity to visit the Central Mosque in Newcastle with PC Michael Robson. They had a very interesting day looking around the Mosque and they were very articulate and asked some challenging questions! Their behaviour was outstanding and this was commented on. Well done Mini Police!

Reading

UNCRC Article 29 – All children have the right to be the best they can be.

As already mentioned in this edition, Reading continues to be a whole school priority.

Thank you for your support with this. Many children in our school are now reading more frequently at home. Lots of children tell staff on a daily basis that they have read the night before. Some children have reported reading 14 times a week at home! Please continue your fabulous support in this area. It really is important and does make a difference!

School Dinners

UNCRC Article 24 – All children have the right to healthy and nutritious food.

After the February half term, following discussions with Taylor Shaw, our School Meal providers, and our Catering Team in school, there will be an additional hot meal choice included as part of the School Dinner menu.

We have had concerns recently in school, about school meal portion sizes and distribution. Parents and carers have also raised very valid concerns in this area too. As a result, discussions have taken place with County School Meals teams resulting in a change to our school menu and an in-school review to change systems used in school.

We do hope that the changes to these systems make a difference.

Please continue to feed back your comments. Thank you.

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Our Head Boy, John Murphy, Y6, wrote this story which has been entered for Chris Evans' Radio 2 '500 Words Short Story Writing Competition'. John and his parents must be very proud of his short story. Very high quality writing indeed. Well done to our author – and good luck in the competition John!

It was a bright sunny morning and Zoe was at work, just another boring day of work. As she looked out of the almost spotless window something unexpected caught her eye, a silver light that arched up into the sky. Quick as a flash she was out of her chair, down the stairs and out of the door. When she reached the site where she had seen the light, it took her breath away. She saw millions of pieces of shattered debris spread across the landscape.

What had happened? Surely it wasn't a bird, a firework, a plane, a leaf and it couldn't have been Mr McCoy from next door. As Zoe crept closer she felt as if a presence was searching for her. That settled it, whoever or whatever it was it had come for one person. It had come, for her!

Zoe started to panic. How? Why? What had it got access to that allowed it to locate her? She felt like an outcast (although outcasts are smelly and horrible and not like her surely!)

Who could and would help her? She was frightened, she was alone and more importantly a crazy, psychotic alien was coming for her.

She ran, she ran as far as she could, for an alien was coming for her. She ran a mile then stopped, then a metre then guess what...stopped. It was hopeless. Suddenly a large droning sound pierced the silence and could be heard quite clearly. It was an alien ship. Zoe ran for her life but to no avail. The alien ship landed and some aliens stumbled out and tried to grab her.

She screamed for help but received none, little did she know that her saviour was about to appear. Just before they could get her into the quite revolting alien ship she was saved by a remarkable source, a very unlikely man. This particular man was no other than the Ice-cream man! He zoomed down the road at terrific speed, in the process droning over the aliens saving Zoe's life. Zoe was very happy he saved her well worth living life. So happy in fact that she took him into the city and showed him her favourite monuments. The very very very very disappointing thing was that he would be forced to leave due to a very very very very tight work schedule. Zoe let him go but it was heartbreaking to see him leave, however she fought back the tears and saw him off.

ONE YEAR LATER

Zoe was at work, another boring day of work. Suddenly something that looked vaguely familiar caught her eye. It was a silver line of a very very bright light, so bright that it blinded her. She leapt out of her brand new chair and ran out of the office and down the stairs then out of the building. She had been here before, this was the aliens revenge. They had come back to fight another day, the game was on!

We had some very exciting visitors to Year 1 on Wednesday the 1st February. We were visited by puppies as part of a Science enrichment afternoon. We had a really close look at what mammals need to live and how baby animals grow up. We did some work on playing 'vets' and made an advice poster for people thinking about getting a dog.

As a year group, we all said that dogs needed:

- a secure home- or habitat;
- a loving owner;
- a balanced diet based on meat with plenty of water;
- medicines to help them.

As you can see, we learned some good Science words! We also learned that dogs are part of the same family as wolves and foxes which we were amazed to find out. We then had to complete a life cycle of a dog using only what we knew from our experience to locate and position the puppy, adolescent, adult and senior dog in the right place on a life cycle. We had lots of fun and loved the puppies to help make our learning exciting. We loved their cuddles too!



UNCRC Article 17 – All children have the right to information.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Mrs. Davy's term of office for Parent Governor recently expired. Thank you to Mrs. Davy for the hard work and time she has invested into our school as a Parent Governor.

As a result, we do have a vacancy for a Parent Governor available. Should you wish to discuss this role further to find out more about what this involves, please contact the School Office by Tuesday 28th February to indicate your interest.

Mrs. Boulton will then be in contact with you to discuss this further after the February half-term holidays.

Our Governing Body

UNCRC Article 29 – All children have the right to be the best they can be.

Our Governing Body work hard to ensure our children are given the very best opportunities.

Please take a minute to read about our School Governors later in the Newsletter.

Mrs. V. Dowson – Chair of Governors

Mrs. N. Best – Vice-Chair of Governors

Mrs. P. Crook - Associate Governor

Mrs. C. Morgan – Parent Governor

Miss N. Stainsby – Staff Governor

Mrs. C. Tillotson – Staff Governor

Mrs. G. Wall – Staff Governor

Mrs. J. Walton – Co-opted Governor

UNCRC Article 24 – All children have the right to a clean and tidy environment.

The dropping of litter is a cause for concern outside of school at the moment, including the dropping of cigarette ends outside of our school.

Please ensure that litter is put into the bins provided. We have contacted Durham County Council to request for litter bins to be positioned outside of school to help with this problem. We do need your support with this. Thank you.

Staffing Update

Miss Edwards' class continues to be taught by Mrs. Reid, our Assistant Head Teacher. The children in Y6 continue to be organised and taught in targeted, differentiated groups, where staff expertise and focus continues to be directed to address the gaps in the children's learning.

Mr. Wilcox will shortly be taking 2 weeks Paternity Leave. Mr. Wilcox's class will be taught by staff currently teaching across Year 6, with an additional teacher who has been carefully selected for their expertise and experience in Year 6.

Please be reassured that during these times, your child's learning and progress continues to be our utmost priority. High levels of staffing and expertise continue to be deployed into this year group.

Attendance

UNCRC Article 28 – All children have the right to a good quality education.

Our school attendance figures continue to be an increasing cause for concern. One of the main factors of our school's poor attendance figures is due to the large amounts of schooling missed because of holidays taken during term time, and unauthorised absences where school is not notified of a child's absence.

As you will be aware, missing school means children missing out on their learning.

Should you need any support in getting your child/ren to school, please contact the School Office.

4H are 'over the moon' to be the first class to win 100% for attendance. The class really enjoyed their ice-creams and look

forward to winning again! 4H would like to win Attendance Champions every week!



School Uniform

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Thank you for sending your child to school looking smart in their Timothy Hackworth School Uniform.

May I remind you that plain black school shoes must be worn, rather than trainers. Earrings must not be worn.

Midway through this half term, we have seen an increase in the number of children who wear trainers and earrings to school. Please ensure that black school shoes are worn. This is part of our School Uniform policy.

Thank you for your support.



Meet our Chair of Governors Mrs. Val Dowson

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Chair of Governors.

Originally from Shildon, I lived here for 27 years, moving to Bishop Auckland with my husband in 1999. I currently am employed as an Office Manager in a Primary School in Spennymoor. My background is predominantly in the finance field, spanning almost 27 years in both the private and public sectors.

Our children currently attend Timothy Hackworth Primary School. I attended from 1977 to 1984; my niece and nephew both attended from 2002 to 2009; my mother attended from 1943 to 1950; my aunty attended from 1937 to 1944, and my grandmother attended from 1911 to 1918, so I think you will agree, our school is very much in my blood.

My great-great-great grandfather, William Gowland, was an engine driver for Timothy Hackworth. He was the first driver of the 'Royal George' and was tasked with taking the 'Sans Pareil' to the Rainhill Trials ... our family's claims to fame! It is well documented that William was one of Timothy Hackworth's highest earners, recorded as having the fabulous salary of £37 per month in 1828! His portrait hangs alongside his employer, in the Science Museum in South Kensington, London.

I joined the Governing Body in July 2013 and was appointed Vice-Chair in November 2015, and very recently appointed Chair in October 2016 ... taking the helm from the wonderful Mr John Laverick, a hard act to follow; no pressure then!

I am very much looking forward to my new role. We have a great group of people on our Governing Body who give large amounts of their time freely to our school. Together we work closely with our very hard-working Head Teacher, Mrs. Boulton, and her equally as hard-working Leadership Team and Staff members. Whilst we acknowledge we still have a long road to travel in order to get our school to where we want to be, we are very confident with all we have put in place thus far and, going forward, we will achieve this in the not too distant future.



Meet our Vice-Chair of Governors Mrs. Nicola Best

I am Nicola Best and I am delighted to be Vice-Chair of the Governing Body here at Timothy Hackworth School. I have been part of the Governing Body for the school for two years. I have a keen interest in History, Geography and R.E. Of which I am Special Interest Link Governor for these areas in school also.

Meet our Governors



My name is Clare Morgan. I was brought up in Shildon over 40 years ago. As a child I attended Timothy Hackworth School from age 4 to 11 along with my sister. My own children now attend the school. My occupation is a Podiatrist working within the NHS for over 20 years. My hobbies include reading, gardening and baking. I have been on the governing body for the past 4 years, as a



Hello. My name is Nicola Stainsby. I've had the pleasure of being part of the Timothy Hackworth family for 15 years. My role within the school consists of being Behaviour Mentor & Parent Support Advisor. I have taken pride in being a part of the Governing Body for 8 years. In my spare time and holidays I love to travel with my partner and spend time socialising with friends. I enjoy leading Cooking Club on a Tuesday after school where we bake and cook lots of delicious food to enjoy!



Hello. My name is Christine Tillotson and I am very proud to be part of Timothy Hackworth's Governing Body.

I have lived in Shildon all of my life and I am passionate about Shildon and its local community.

I have spent my entire teaching career working at Timothy Hackworth Primary School.

I continue to enjoy teaching many families whose own family members I have taught in the past.



My name is Pauline Crook. I have lived in Shildon all of my life and am married with two daughters, aged 31 and 29 years. I have also recently become a grandmother and love spending time with my new grand-daughter. I have a family history at Timothy Hackworth School. My mother was a pupil here, as was I and also my two daughters; we all have very happy memories of our school days.

My involvement with the governors started in 1995 as a parent governor; following this I was a staff governor and am now an associate governor. I have a particular interest in the 2 year old provision and the school's finance and premises. I believe that every child has the right to the best quality education and the right to join in a range of activities that will prepare them well for the future. I am committed to the school's aims and values and to work in partnership with staff, governors, parents and carers to ensure that everything is done in the best interests of the children at all times. I am very proud to be part of our Rights Respecting School.