



Newsletter

ISSUE 1

**Spring Term
January 2015**

Spring Term 1 2015

School closes for teaching: Friday 13th
February 2015

Spring Term 2 2015

School opens for teaching: Tuesday 24th
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Our newly designed newsletter will be sent out to every family in the second week of every half term. We'll be including news of events, celebrating achievement, diary dates etc. If you have any suggestions about what could be included please let us know.

Fond Farewells and Warm Welcomes

A very happy retirement to Mrs. Dockray, who retired at the end of last term after being Head Teacher of our school for nine years. Thank you to those of you who kindly made a donation towards Mrs. Dockray's leaving gift of vouchers for her Kindle. Mrs. Dockray was very grateful for her gift. A very happy retirement to Mrs. Langley who also spent nine years at our school cooking delicious meals for our children. A very warm welcome to Mr. Hopkins, Miss Cant and Miss Rowcroft who joined our school in December as ICT and Business Administration Apprentices.

A Message from Mrs. Boulton

A very Happy New Year to you all. I do hope that you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas holiday and now feel refreshed for the year ahead!

The children have had a fantastic start to the new term. They look particularly smart in their school uniforms; thank you for your support with this. It is much appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school this year to celebrate your child's achievements and to enjoy taking part in Timothy Hackworth school life.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to you all and look forward to working with you and your children as Head Teacher of Timothy Hackworth Primary School. It certainly is a privilege to be Head Teacher of our school, a school of which I am very proud to be part of.

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs. Slattery will be our Acting Deputy Head Teacher for the Spring Term. Mrs. Slattery also looks forward to working with you all.

Please do feel free to contact me should you wish and I would be happy to meet with you.

With all good wishes for 2015.

Mrs. Boulton

Well done!

Pupil of the Week Awards

1T—Elissa Davison, Brooke Kirtley, Beau Seymour

1H—Phoenix Hankey, Tilly Chester

2T—Rylee Bennett, Lily Holmes, Rachel Jones, Matthew Harnett, Sophie Smirthwaite

2H—Billy Tinkler, Rose Henderson, McKenzie Kirtley, Alan Kell, Sophia Bryan

3T—Aaron Brown, Leone McDonnell, Riley Wilkinson, Trinity Colling, Cameron Cadd

3H—Ashton Houlahan, Tea Flatman, Tillie Walton

4T—Caitlin Stanley, Haydon Mawson, Coulson Sowerby

4H—Kai Chadwick, Grace Turvill

5T—Frances Andelin, Joe Sparke, Chloe Williams, Ryan Evans

5H—Millie Proudfoot, Ethan Hunter, Megan Claydon-Wood, Whole Class

6T—Aiden Foster, Ellie Mawson, Faith Sowerby, Hannah Costello, Rylieng Nixon, Joshua Davy, Tom Jasper

6H—Joshua Bell, Shannon Ward, Poppie Andelin, Bethany Ingram,

Honour Board Points

150—Brendan Haigh, Phoebe Alderson, Dylan Baxter, Chloe Williams, Caitlin O'Brien, Sophie Wright

100—Leonie Beal, James Sear, Joe Sparke, Neive Hinder, Ryan Evans, Jessica Brass, Brendan Haigh, Dylan Baxter, Cameron Caygill, Abbie Webb-Brown, Phoebe Alderson, Lillia Meadows, Frances Andelin, Katie-Mae Stabler Griffiths.

Reading Records

We are pleased to share with you that all children in school will be issued with a Reading Record in order to support you with your child's reading at home. As you know, reading is such an important skill and we appreciate the support that you give to your child at home by listening to them read. Spending a quick 5-10 minutes a day reading with your child can really help to improve their reading skills.

Safeguarding Update

Should you have any concerns about the safety and wellbeing of a child, please do contact one of the following members of staff in school who have responsibility for this area:

Mrs. Boulton—Head Teacher

Mrs. Slattery—Acting Deputy Head Teacher

Mrs. Clelland—SENCO

Safeguarding and protecting children is everyone's business—thank you.

Early morning, lunchtime and after school learning—A big thank you and "well done" to all the children for respecting their right to learn before school, during lunchtime and after school.



Attendance and Punctuality

Many thanks to you for working hard to ensure that your children arrive to school each day and on time. As you will know, your children have a much more positive start to the day and enjoy a positive learning experience when they are at school and arrive on time. School starts at 8.50am each day; all teaching staff are available on the school yards from 8.40am. If you need support with getting your child to school please do let us know and we will be happy to help.

School Meals

Our school meals are cooked on the premises using fresh ingredients; there is a two choice menu each day and the cost of a school meal is £1.95 each day. As you may well be aware, all children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 2 now receive their school lunches for free. However, if your child is eligible for Free School Meals because of your family circumstances do let us know as this does make a difference to school funding and related resources and opportunities for your children. Further information and application forms are available at the office or can be downloaded from the information section of our website.



Christmas Performances

I'm sure you will agree that all your children performed admirably in their school Christmas performances last term. All of the children did remarkably well in front of such large audiences! Well done also to the Timothy Hackworth School Choir who brought many a smile to the elderly residents of Shildon with their festive singing! Here is a photograph of the Year 1 performance of "Hey Ewe".



Curriculum Changes

You may be aware that new changes were made to the National Curriculum and the Special Educational Needs legislation last term. In school, we are well on the way with these developments and we continue to amend and update our curriculum planning and documentation. As a result, the children are enjoying some interesting new topics, for example, The Stone Age in Year 3.

Judo Sessions in School

Destination Judo have been in school providing Judo Taster Sessions for children in Reception to Year 6. The children had lots of fun learning about the benefits of Judo including fitness, balance and Co-ordination. We will be holding taster sessions for other sports in the near future.



Voluntary One-Way Traffic System

Many thanks to those of you who have used our voluntary one-way traffic system which we started last term at the beginning of December. So far, this has been a success. Our local Police Officer, PCSO Michael Robson, contacted Mrs. Dockray at the end of last term to congratulate parents on their use of the one-way system which provides a much safer environment for you and your children getting to and from school. We will continue to use and monitor this system. Our thanks also go to Mrs. Simpson, our School Crossing Patrol lady, Councillor Trish Pemberton and Durham Police for their hard work. We have very much welcomed the positive comments that we have received from parents and carers regarding the introduction of this one-way system. Please continue to keep the School Crossing Patrol area clear at all times.

This Term	Next Term
<p>Wednesday, 28 Jan—Nursery Stay and Play</p> <p>Thursday, 29 Jan—Nursery Stay and Play, Y3 visit to St John's Church (pm)</p> <p>Fri 8 Feb—Unicef Day for Change</p> <p>Wed, 11 Feb—Nursery, Rec & Y1 Disco</p> <p>Thurs 12 Feb—Reception Chinese New Yr—2.15pm</p> <p>Fri 13 Feb—School Closes at 2.35pm for half term hols</p> <p>Tues 24 Feb—School Re-opens</p> <p>Mon 2 Mar—Book Fair Week</p> <p>Thur 5 Mar—World Book Day (dress as a book character)</p> <p>Fri 13 Mar—Red Nose Day (details to follow)</p> <p>Mon 16 Mar—Y1 visit to Bowes Museum</p> <p>Tues 17 Mar—Y6 at Safety Carousel, Nursery Stay & Play</p> <p>Wed 18 March—Nursery Photographs</p> <p>Mon 23 Mar—Y3 visit to Durham Oriental Museum; Reception & Year 1 Egg Decorating with parents</p> <p>Tues 24 Mar—Reception Easter Assembly at 1.45pm (parents invited)</p> <p>Fri 27 Mar—School Closes at 2.35pm for Easter Holidays</p> <p>Please visit our school website www.timothyhackworthschool.co.uk for more information about events, visits etc.</p>	<p>Mon 13 April—School Re-opens</p> <p>Tues 14 April—Y2 Visit to Durham Cathedral</p> <p>Thur 16 April—Reception Visit to Hall Hill Farm</p> <p>Wed 22 April—Messy Day in Nursery</p> <p>Thur 23 April—Reception & Year 6 Class Photos</p> <p>Mon 4 May—School Closed for May Day Holiday</p> <p>Mon 11 May—Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p>Thur 21 May—Reception Animal Exhibition—2.15pm</p> <p>Fri 22 May—School Closes at 2.45pm for Half Term Holiday</p> <p>Mon 1 June—School Re-opens</p> <p>Tues 9 June—Y5 & Y6 Careers Day (parents invited pm)</p> <p>Wed 10 June—Y3/4 Sports Afternoon at 1.30pm</p> <p>Tues 16 June—Y1/Y2 Sports Afternoon at 1.30pm</p> <p>Wed 17 June—Y5/Y6 Sports Afternoon at 1.30pm</p> <p>Thur 18 June—Foundation Sports at 1.30pm</p> <p>Tues 30 June—Y2 Visit to Tynemouth</p> <p>Thur 2 July—Foundation Family Day to South Shields</p> <p>Tues 7 July—Y6 Farewell Party</p> <p>Wed 8 July—Y1 Assembly for Parents at 2.15pm</p> <p>Thur 9 July—Reception Graduation Afternoon</p> <p>Mon 13 July—Y6 visit to Robinwood & Hamsterley Forest</p> <p>Thur 16 July—Foundation End of Year Party</p> <p>Fri 17 July—Y6 Leavers' Assembly (am—time to be confirmed)</p> <p>Fri 17 July—School Closes for the Summer Holidays at 2.35pm</p>

We hope you have enjoyed the first of our new newsletter; your comments are very welcome.

Thank you in advance for your continued support this half term.

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