



Newsletter

ISSUE 4

**Autumn term
September 2015**

A Message from Mrs. Boulton

Welcome back everyone! The children have enjoyed a very positive start to their New Year groups this September. The children look particularly smart in their school uniforms and have been very keen to do their best in their new classes which has impressed all the staff at Timothy Hackworth. A magnificent start to the year ahead! Well done children!

You may well have noticed our 'new look' main entrance and School Office. The builders have been very busy over the Summer holidays, working hard to transform our school entrance and office area. We have enhanced our door security system and introduced a 'state-of-the-art' visitor sign-in system to make our school an even safer place to be for your child and our staff.

Our special thanks to Mr. Paterson, our Site Manager, and our Cleaning Team: Mrs. Borrowdale, Mrs. Horner, Ms. McTearnen, Mr. Sear, Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Winterburn, who have worked tirelessly and incredibly hard over the Summer holidays by transforming what was a very dusty school when the building work began, into a highly polished, tidy and spotlessly clean environment. Our Site Manager and Cleaning Team always take great pride in their work and this certainly shows. I am sure you will join me in thanking them on behalf of the school.

It is yet another very busy half term ahead! Please do take a look at the Diary Dates at the end of the Newsletter as there are many events taking place as we head towards Christmas!

We look forward to working with you once again for another enjoyable half term.

With very best wishes,

Mrs. Boulton

Attendance

Thank you for making the effort to ensure that your child arrives at school each day and on time. It is essential for children to be at school so that key learning is not missed. You may have heard that the Government has made changes to levels of absence in schools. There will be information sent home with pupils soon to explain these changes to you. Should you have any further questions about this, or need any help with this please do let us know. If your child is absent from school through illness or otherwise, please do let school know as soon as possible as this may prevent further action being taken. Thank you.

Christmas Fair 2015

We invite you to join us at our Christmas Fair in December date to follow shortly. Any festive donations would be gratefully received! More Information to follow.

Changes to Assessment

The Government has recently made many changes to the way in which schools assess your child's learning. Previously, your child will have been given a 'Level' for their attainment in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics alongside other National Curriculum subjects. This has now changed whereby schools are now encouraged to adopt their own assessment system to track children's progress. At Timothy Hackworth, the staff have worked hard to design, produce and implement a robust tracking system which meets the requirements of the new National Curriculum whilst at the same time providing the necessary assessment information for parents to ensure that your child is achieving their best.

Information sessions for parents will be held in school over the course of this half term for you to find out more about this, and how we, as a school, are addressing these changes. More details to follow soon.

A Warm Welcome to New Staff at Timothy Hackworth

A very warm welcome to new staff who have joined the Timothy Hackworth Team.

These members of staff are:

Miss L. Hickey – Teaching Assistant – 2 Year Olds and Foundation Stage

Mrs. J. Singleton – Teaching Assistant – Nursery

Miss A. Scott – Class Teacher – Year 4

Miss H. Sinclair – Class Teacher – Reception

Mr. J. Wilcox – Class Teacher – Year 5

We are very pleased to welcome our new members of staff to our school.

I am sure you will join us in making our new staff feel welcome.

Sports Apprentice

As part of the Government's Sports Premium funding, we have employed a Sports Apprentice this year who will work alongside the staff and children in school to support them with their P.E. and Sports skills. Mr. Kenyon, who will join us in September, is a keen sportsman and has represented County Durham with his sporting talents.

Donations of School Uniform

Many thanks to those of you who have kindly donated school uniform to us. We are still happy to receive any donations; a good home is always found for them.

Meet our Governing Body

The Governing Body of Timothy Hackworth Primary School is committed to ensuring the very best educational experiences and opportunities for all of our children. Our Governing Body members are:

Mr. J. Laverick – Chair of Governors

Mr. J. Shortland – Vice-Chair of Governors

Mrs. N. Best – Parent Governor

Mrs. L. Boulton – Head Teacher

Mrs. P. Crook – Co-opted Governor

Mrs. A. Davy – Parent Governor

Mrs. V. Dowson – Parent Governor

Miss L. McConaghie – Co-opted Governor

Mrs. C. McKimm – Associate Governor

Mrs. C. Morgan – Parent Governor

Councillor T. Pemberton – Local Authority Governor

Miss N. Stainsby – Staff Governor

Mrs. C. Tillotson – Co-opted Governor

Mrs. J. Walton – Co-opted Governor

Our Governing Body at Timothy Hackworth continues to work hard to ensure that the children of Timothy Hackworth achieve their very best.

Safeguarding Update

If you have a concern about a child's welfare, please do speak to a member of staff in school. Designated Safeguarding Persons in our school are:

Mrs. L. Boulton – Head Teacher

Mrs. J. Slattery – Deputy Head Teacher

Mrs. V. Clelland – SENDCO

Family Learning Programme

A big well done to all of our families who took part in the Family Learning Programme in the Summer Term 2015: Mr. Hirst and Darcy, Mr. Fenwick and Taylor-Jay, Mrs. Hymas and Evan, Mrs. Cooper and Zak, Miss Baxter and Leighton, Mrs. Juma and Malik and Mr. Campbell and Shannon. The families enjoyed a 'Graduation Ceremony' at Sunderland FC's Stadium of Light. Another Family Learning Programme will start again in the Autumn Term – more details to follow.

Celebrating Our Children's Talents

As part of our Rights Respecting Schools ethos, we always encourage our children to be the best that they can possibly be! We are also aware that many children achieve many great things outside of school, for example, dance achievements, swimming, being part of a football team, playing table tennis, producing artwork, making music, baking cakes etc. Please do let us know of any achievements that you wish to be shared as part of our Newsletter. A 'Celebration Gallery' page will be included as part of the next Newsletter, and each Newsletter thereafter. Your child may wish to pass this information on to a member of staff in school too. We look forward to our 'Celebration Gallery' next half term!

P.E. and Sport

Last year, Year 3 had the opportunity to take part in athletics with a Sports Coach during P.E. The Sports Coach was very Impressed with two boys, Clarke Lightfoot and Sam Hopper who were seen to have outstanding potential and have taken the opportunity to train with the Sports Coach out of school time. Clarke and Sam hope to take part in athletic competitions and to continue training with the coach. Sports Coaching opportunities are available to all children in our school as part of our P.E. and Sports Curriculum offer. Visit our website for more details.

Pupil of the Week Awards

- 1T Kaelem Tarn, Kai Siddle, Kaylem Harbottle, Millie Waites
- 1H Adam Hume, Alex Andelin, Adam Plews, Gabby Fuller
- 2T Liam Plews, Luke Costello, Ellissa Davison
Georgia-Mae Gillan
- 2H Tyler Anderson, Lucas Ellwood, Jack Trowels
- 3T Te'a Flatman, Danny White, Liam Plews, Myles Fraser
- 3H Jordan Smith, Sophia Bryan, Logan-Ray Prince
- 4T James Plews, Trinity Colling, Ellie May Proudfoot-Freeman
- 4H Tyler Leigh, Connor Oman, Katie Matthews
- 5T Whole Class, Anthony Marley, Eve Finch, Leanora Millburn
- 5H Whole Class, Ashley Jardine, Cameron Armstrong, Ben Scaife
- 6T Ryan Bell, Joe Sparke, Grace Stone, Brett Simpson
- 6H Jake Waite, Aysha Toms, Lucas McDougal, Ethan Ingram, Anna Maguire

Dogs on the Playground

Article 19 - All children have the right to be safe

Please do not bring your pets onto the school playgrounds, even if they are carried! This is for Health and Safety reasons. Thank you for your support.

Well done Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Ellison! Well done to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Ellison who have successfully completed their HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) qualification. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Ellison have worked hard to achieve this standard. Congratulations Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Ellison!

Summer Fair 2017

We invite you to join us at our Summer Fair in July 2017. Actual date to follow. Summer sunshine will soon be here!

Top Marks for Healthy Eating at Timothy Hackworth!

Article 24: All children have the right to nutritious, healthy food.

Our school kitchen was visited as part of the routine Local Authority School Meals Service provision. The outcome was incredibly positive with an 'Outstanding' result. The visitors commented upon the high quality food provided for your children, the high standards of cleanliness and tidiness of the school kitchen, the positive teamwork and the very high levels of customer service provided by the Catering Team. Well done to all of our Catering Staff!

If you would like your child to have school dinners, please let the Office Staff know. If you think that your child would be entitled to free school meals, please do speak to a member of the Office Staff and they will be able to help you. Thank you.

Teacher Training Days 2016/2017

Dates for your diary for 2016/2017 – School will be closed on the following days for Staff Training purposes:

September 1st and 2nd 2016

Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Monday 27th February 2017

Monday 5th June 2017

A Reminder about Teacher Training Days for 2015/2016

Monday 4th January 2016

Monday February 22nd 2016

Thursday March 24th 2016

School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your child arrives at school looking smart and ready for learning in their school uniforms. Please refrain from using coloured hair chalks and dyes on your child's hair as this has implications for health and safety reasons, particularly if they attend Swimming lessons in Key Stage 2. This may result in your child not being able to use the Swimming Pool. Thank you for your support.

Staff at Smurfitt-Kappa in West Auckland, kindly designed and constructed a Mayan Temple to support our Y6 children with their History topic, 'The Mayans'. Take a look at this wonderful construction! Thank you to Mr. Taylor and all at Smurfitt-Kappa for your creativity!



Autumn Family Group Picnic

In an effort to keep the colder weather at bay, we invite you to come along to our whole school 'Family Group Picnic' on the school field on Friday 2nd October 1.30 – 2.35 p.m. Children will enjoy the picnic in their 'Rights Respecting Family Groups'. If skies are grey and rain does fall we shall have an 'Indoor Picnic' instead! Please do come along and join in the fun! A letter was sent home last week with further details about the event. Do contact school if you have any questions.

Free Places Available for Nursery-age Children and 2 Year-Olds at Timothy Hackworth Primary School

There is still time to register your 2, 3 and 4 year-olds for a free place at Timothy Hackworth Primary School for a September start.

Friendly and approachable highly-qualified staff. Good quality resources including fabulous outdoor facilities. Come along and see what we have to offer!

Contact the school on 01388 772959, email timothyhackworth@durhamlearning.net or come along and talk to us for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Lost Property

Please ensure that your child's uniform, lunchboxes, P.E. kits and coats etc. are clearly labelled as this helps to locate any items that go astray! The 'Lost Property Box' was kindly tidied and organised by Mrs. Winterburn and Mr. Sear during the Summer holidays. Many of these items were not labelled. Thank you for your support.

Parent Volunteers

If you have a little bit of time to spare why not come and help out in school? Listening to children read is always a great help. If you are interested, please let Mrs. Crook know. As part of our school Safeguarding policy and practice, we would need to complete Safeguarding checks first. We would be very pleased to hear from you!

Reading at Home

Thank you for taking the time to listen to your child read at home. Please use your child's Reading Record to make any comments about your child's reading. Alternatively, a quick signature to indicate that your child has read to you is also very helpful. Reading at home for 5 minutes each day makes a big difference to your child's progress in reading.

Please return any old reading books to school. If you have found any books belonging to school over the Summer holidays, please return these so we can add these to our collection - no questions asked! Any missing books, however, will need to be replaced at the charge of £5.00. To ensure that our reading book stock can be updated. Thank you.

Tell us about it!

If you have any other contributions to make to our Newsletter, please do let us know. We are always pleased to hear from you!