



TIMOTHY HACKWORTH
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Newsletter

ISSUE 22

**Spring Term
February 2018**

On February 16th it will be Chinese New Year and this time it will be the 'Year of the Dog'!
Happy New Year!



School closes for teaching on Friday 9th February and **reopens for teaching on Tuesday 20th February 2018. Please note that Monday 19th February is a Staff Training Day.**

Road Safety Poster Competition
UNCRC Article 19 - All children have the right to be safe.

Thank you to Miss Johnson and the Junior Road Safety Officers who have organised a fabulous competition about Road Safety for your children to enter.

The competition continues into the week after half term, with fabulous prizes on offer!

A Message from Mrs. Boulton

Your children have been a delight this term. They have worked considerably well and ought to be extremely proud of themselves.

Your children often represent our school in the community, for example, when they visit areas of the town to support their learning, or when they attend special events. Many positive comments are received from the community about our respectful children.

Please support us by sending your child to school in the correct school uniform; children feel proud to wear their uniform around school and on their special visits as ambassadors for our school.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child back to school on Tuesday 20th February 2018.

Mrs. Boulton

CRC Article 24 – All children have the right to be healthy.

Following our KS2 Christmas Carol Services at St. John's Church, Reverend David has passed on a huge thank you for your support with the donations parents, carers and family members made in support of the Kieran Maxwell Legacy Fund.

A staggering £1038.91 was raised!

A number of our children were also involved in the Nativity Service in Church on Christmas Eve. The church was packed and the children were a real credit to themselves, you, our school and our town.

School Uniform

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

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

Increasing numbers of children are coming into school with coloured tights, coloured boots and trainers. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. We are keen for our children to come to school wearing the correct uniform from top to toe! Please support us with this.

Well done!!

Pupil of the Week Awards

- 1T— Stacy-Jo Ross, Frankie Kirby, Darcy Dugdale, Joshua Collishaw
1H— Kimberly North, Eddie Collinson, Ben Bowman, Ava Russell
2T— Hollie Dowson, Kate Tomlinson, David Jary-Smith, Calvin Collishaw
2H— Amira Hall, Gracie-Mae Brown, Scarlett Durkin, Harriet Ward
3T— Gilly Joe Hickson, Brodie Whitfield, Riley Askew, Jacob Warters
3H— Luca Tomlinson, Riley Smith, Indie Wilson, Dante Watson
4T— Winter Saunders, Asena Basudra, Ellissa Davison, Beau Seymour
4H— SJ Oman, Macauley Baird, Emily Brown, Phoenix Hankey
5T— Cameron Gibson, April Lindley, Cameron Gibson, JonnyLee Pye
5H— Tyler Wilkinson, Billy Tinkler, Declan Smith, Sophia Bryan
6T— Aaron Cole, Shannice Simpson, Leo Newbery, Corey Williams
6H— Joji Basudra, Grace Long, Liam Forster, Tillie Walton

Mini-Police

CRC Article 19: All children have the right to be safe.

CRC Article 24: All children have the right to be healthy.

The Mini-Police have been very busy! They have been involved in a Mini-Police programme with Durham Agency Against Crime. The focus has been anti-social behaviour. The children have been working with Youth Development Workers. The programme has a three step approach:

- Educate young people so that they are better equipped to make good choices, acquire skills and improve their opportunities.
- Develop children's sense of community, by contributing to the community and feeling a sense of achievement and belonging.
- Take part in activities that build confidence, develop team work and provide the opportunity to learn new skills.

The children have delivered a whole school assembly, taken part in a host of exciting activities, completed a community litter-pick and attended a Mini-Police Launch Event at the Radisson Blu in Durham City. What an exciting time they have had!



Dates for your Diary

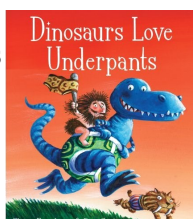
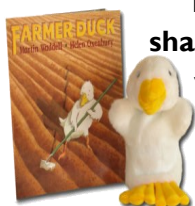
Friday 9th February - school closes for half term
Tuesday 20th February - school reopens at 8.50am
Thursday 22nd February - SATs meeting for Y6 parents at 6pm
Thursday 1st March - World Book Day—Dress as a character
Thursday 16th March - Y6 will be attending the Safety Carousel
Thursday 19th March - group photographs for Reception and Y6
Thursday 29th March - Y4 will be visiting Bowes Museum
Thursday 29th March - school closes for the Easter holidays
Monday 16th April - school reopens at 8.50am

NURSERY AND 2 YEAR OLDS STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS SPRING 1

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

Lots of activities were on offer within the Nursery and 2 Year Old setting as we played together over the recent Stay and Play Sessions. It was fun to enjoy the resources and to look together at individual learning portfolios. As it was National Storytelling Week Mrs Sharp shared the book, 'Farmer Duck' with children and parents and Mrs Fox read, 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants!'

**We love to play and
learn together;
having lots of fun,
sharing our experiences
with our families.**



Easter Sports Camp

During the Easter Holidays there will be a two day sports camp at the school which is being hosted at the school. This will be Monday 9th April and Tuesday 10th April and will be run by fully qualified coaches from Sedgfield SSP. It will be 9am till 3pm each day with various activities. The cost will be £12 per day or £20 for both days.

Please see Mrs Bainbridge if you are interested.

Smoking around School Premises

CRC Article 24 – All children have the right to be healthy.

May we, once again, request that parents and carers do not smoke around our school premises, particularly when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Governors and myself are increasingly concerned about this issue.

Thank you.

One-Way System – Please Help!

CRC Article 19 - All children have the right to be safe.

An increasing number of drivers are choosing not to use the voluntary one-way system. This is for your children's own safety.

Please use the voluntary one-way system to help to avoid any nasty accidents.

Please help us to keep your children safe.

Please support our School Attendance!

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

Our school attendance rates are an increasing cause for concern.

Many children are missing out on their right to learn as they are not attending school.

Please send your child to school each day, as increasing number of children and families are now 'Persistent Absentees' due to very poor attendance. School will follow Persistent Absentee procedures, which results in involvement from the County Attendance Improvement Team and legal involvement.

Your support is much appreciated.

Roadworks on Byerley Road

CRC Article 19 - All children have the right to be safe.

These roadworks are causing a lot of traffic congestion as children travel to school. We are keen for our children to be safe when coming to school. Please drive responsibly when approaching our school. There have been a number of issues recently where children have been at risk of an accident due to irresponsible driving around these roadworks.

Please help us to keep your children safe.



We have had rather a lot of snow over this half term and the children have been busy building snowmen!

Take a look at our snowy creations!



Well Done!!

Reading Champions

2Year Olds - Phoenix Jackson, Leo Ellwood

Nursery - Joseph W, Rose S, Jenson, Logan, Clinton., Riley H, Daisy Jones, Blaydon

Reception Blue - Charlie Napier, Lucy Ord, Georgia Dugdale, Lola-Mae Taylor, Esther Seduadua

Reception Yellow - Gracie Williams, Harry Tinkler, Jack Napier, Jack Vincent, Carter Barrett

1T - Bobbie-Jayne, Lucy Hymas, Ethan Dixon, Amelia Prince

1H - Jack Sparke, Lacy Bennett, Evie Dunn

2T - Blossom Lloyd, Spencer-Lee Cutler, Kate Tomlinson, Stevie-Kate Neilson

2H - James Copland, Kristie-Grace, Whiting, Amira Hall, Logan Hope

3T - Riley Askew, Charlie Aldworth, Sam Wright, Finley Laffey

3H - Daniel Best, Isaac Hunter, Sophie Jukes, Alfie Jones

4T - Winter Saunders, Brooke Kirtley, Tyler Bain, Joseph Brunton

4H - Christopher Alderson, Abi Robson, Harvey Derbyshire, Emily Brown

5T - Haydon Sangster, Tiah Sowerby, Leland Butterfield, Freya Matthews

5H - Mason Mottram, Savanna Etherington, Mckenzie Kirtley, Katie Allinson

6T - Clarke Lightfoot, Trinity Colling, Xander Caygill, Harry Whitehouse

6H - Beth Caygill, Yasmin Ferens, Joji Basudra, Katie Matthews

Parking and Traffic - Please Help!

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

The Junior Road Safety Officers in school, alongside Miss Johnson, Mrs. Simpson, our Road Safety Crossing Patrol, staff, pupils and Governors continue to be very concerned about the parking issues around our school.

Parking and traffic issues are becoming even more problematic at the moment. We are very concerned about the safety of your children due to the amount of illegally parked cars, and general careless driving around our school.

We are keen to avoid any nasty accident involving children, busy traffic and parked cars, however, this is looking increasingly likely since traffic and parking issues are becoming more serious.

Please help your children stay safe by parking only in the designated areas around school, and by using the one-way system. Our pupils, Governors and staff are busy working on ideas to improve road safety but we need your help to do this.

Our ideas include:

- A 20mph speed limit request;
- Repainting of roadside markings;
- New signs;
- Increased parental support.

Should you have any ideas to help us resolve the parking and traffic issues, please contact Mrs. Boulton via the School Office.

Your support is much appreciated.

A message from Our Governing Body

Road Safety Issues at Our School

CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with deep regret that the Governing Body must bring this issue to your attention.

As a result of feedback from many worried parents of children in our school, significant concerns have once again been raised regarding safety on the road and pathways around our school.

We have been further informed that cars are being parked irresponsibly and in breach of the Highway Code, on junctions, yellow lines, across driveways and the nearby bus stop.

We have witnessed this for ourselves, and in the interests of child, parent and staff safety, we strongly request that all adults using vehicles to drop off children or picking children up from school, park in a responsible manner.

We know the problems that parents and carers face and understand that at times it must be difficult, but the law must be upheld before we have a serious accident or worse which involves a child, or children.

We are mindful that the dark mornings and inclement weather are already upon us, so we ask that you all give a great deal of thought about where you might park your car.

As this is a busy time for all, can we also please ask that pathways are not blocked by pedestrians, as this is resulting in people having to go onto the roads to get past, again, creating another serious hazard.

We also strongly request parents using cars, to use the one-way voluntary system to reduce the risk of your child being hurt. This voluntary one-way system is for your child's safety. Please use it.

We are currently running a Road Safety Competition, organised by Miss Johnson and the Junior Road Safety Officers, regarding road and pedestrian safety at the school gates. As part of this competition, we are welcoming any ideas that can be shared to reduce the risk of children being hurt by irresponsible drivers.

As a Rights Respecting School, we feel that your child's safety is becoming increasingly at risk due to the serious road safety issues around our school. We look forward to a safer environment outside of our school gates.

We can only do this if everyone acts in a responsible way, and with your child's well-being in mind.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. V. Dowson, Chair of Governors, and Councillor Shirley Quinn, School Governor, on behalf of The Governing Body of Timothy Hackworth Primary School

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our committed team of Governors.

Should you be interested in this, please contact the School Office to make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Boulton.

Thank you.

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

If you think your child might be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the School Office staff who will be able to help you.

Even if you are unsure, it is worth asking to find out if your child is eligible.

School is given additional funding for Free School Meal places; if in doubt, please ask and we will be happy to help.

All children from Years 1-6 were lucky enough to have Danny from Destination Judo visit our school for a taster session of Judo!





ATTENDANCE DISCO

CRC Article 31 - All children have the right to play and relax.

Well done to all the children that achieved a 100% attendance during the Autumn Term.

As a reward, the children from all year groups, were invited to attend an after school disco. Together we played games, sang, danced and enjoyed a treat or two!



The children were **all** extremely well behaved; it was lovely to see the older pupils playing so considerately with the youngest learners from our school.

2 Year Old Day in the Snow!



Our 2 Year Olds and Nursery children have been enjoying the snow we've had over the course of the term so far! They have taken part in all sorts of fun activities such as building snowmen and sledging!

Two Year Old Story Time.

Our two year olds have been looking at the Owl Babies story. The children have all enjoyed listening to and getting involved with this story. We brought the story to life down in the forest by using puppets and the natural environment. After listening to the story we went on a hunt to find lots of owls that were hiding in the forest. We had our very own interactive display set up to encourage the children to re-enact the story. It has been good reassurance for our new starters as it reminds them that their mammy always comes back; just like Owl Mammy does in the story!





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