



7th July 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to be back in School this week after accompanying our Year 6 children along with children from Darras Hall, Belsay and Richard Coates Primaries to France. Our children were impeccably behaved and both Centre staff and the bus driver commented on how amazing they were. They had a great time practising their French and meeting the children from our Partner School. Please see the pictures later in the Flyer.

Next Friday (14th July) is our Sports Day. As usual each Key Stage will be outside for an hour and parents are welcome to come and join us for this event. Unfortunately due to Safeguarding procedures parents are unable to remain on site between Key Stages. We are aware that it can be hot and sunny in July and therefore we would ask that the children have a water bottle and sun hat as well as sun cream on for this event. The dangers posed by the Sun and heat are behind the School only running the event for an hour per Key Stage to mitigate the risk to the children. We would like to thank Dan Farndale from Newcastle United Foundation who has helped to organise this event.

The coming week is also the culmination of the Pele Trust FLOW Arts Project. The School choir is performing with the other primary Schools on Thursday 13th July 2023 and the exhibition is staying open on Tuesday 11th July from 4.30pm-6.30pm specifically for children and parents from Heddon to see the work that the children have been doing. This is a great opportunity for you to share the work your child has done with them. We look forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks to all the people who were involved in both organising and running our Armed Forces Day last Friday. While I was unable to be here I heard that it was a brilliant day and enjoyed by all.

Well done to Year 5 with the best attendance this week of an amazing 100%.

I hope that you enjoy reading this bumper flyer and that you have a fantastic weekend.

Mr. A. Wheatley, Headteacher





Attendance Matters

We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality so please remember that our School starts at 8.55am (9am for Nursery) and anyone arriving after this time will me marked as late.

Attendance for this week is summarised below:

Class	Class Attendance		Attendance
Reception (Owls)	94.6%	Year 3 (Gibside)	96.4%
Year 1 (Wallington)	98.1%	Year 4 (Lindisfarne)	93.6%
Year 2 (Cragside)	94.3%	Year 5 (Bamburgh)	100%
		Year 6 (Dunstanburgh)	97.9%

Please see the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time.



Days off School add up to lost learning!



















This week in Nursery, we have been exploring 'floating and sinking'.

We have been busy making our own boats and testing them in the water area to see if they could float. Great work, Hedgehogs!







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The children in Reception have been taking part in Bikeability sessions this week and have made the most amazing progress! In just three days some have progressed from using a balance bike to confidently riding a pedal bike whilst others have been peddling around obstacles and using their brakes to stop safely. Fantastic work everyone!









Making an Animated E-Book with Year 1

This week Year 1 have been continuing to create their own animated e-books using 2create a story on purple mash. This week we added new pages to our story by drawing pictures, typing the text and adding animation to the picture we had drawn.







Positional Language in Year 2

In Year 2 we have been putting our positional and directional language to good use. We took it in turns to make a pattern with shapes and then we had to hide our pattern and describe it to our partner. The challenge was to see if our partner could create exactly the same pattern by following our instructions. Great work Year 2!







Ukuleles and Computers in Year 3

It has been a very busy week in Year 3! On Wednesday afternoon, we had a great time in computing then performed our ukulele concert. In computing, we have been working in groups to explore computer simulations and continued working on our most complex simulation yet! It is challenging to make decisions as a group however this mission has really captivated our interest. Then, it was time for our ukulele concert; we loved having the chance to show off all of our hard work.







Animation in Year 4

This week in computing, Year 4 have had lots of fun creating an animation of their own name. They used coding blocks to make their letters change colour, change size, make sounds and move. You can see some of their exciting work being coded in this picture. The children all know how to sign into our class account if you would like to look at them together!



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Archery in Year 5

This week, Year 5 have had a lot of fun as they have had the opportunity to try something new. The children have been taking part in an exciting Archery workshop learning how to hold and fire a bow and arrow safely. There were even some fun games, where they were split into teams and they had to score the most points by hitting smaller targets.







Our Final Class Text in Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed a week full of reading! We have completed our final ever class text at Heddon, Holes, and it was overwhelmingly voted as our favourite class text this year. The ending of the story is fantastic; full of twists, turns and tying up loose ends. We are looking forward to watching the movie next week as a reward for our hard work this year. On a side note, I had an email from Mr Allman last night to say that the children were fantastic during their transition day yesterday and this is a delight to hear. It follows on from their excellent behaviour throughout our residential trip last week. Well done Year 6.







Year 6 on Tour in France!

Year 6 had an amazing visit to France last week with the Year 6 children from Richard Coates. We did loads of amazing things such as meet up with the children from our partner school, swap books and find out about each other by using our French. We had a trip with them to Amiens Cathedral where we sang songs together and to each other. We also had time to learn about World War 1, visit the memorial at Vimy Ridge and sing remembrance songs before ending with a quick but moving visit to the beaches at Dunkirk. We made lots of new friends both in France and with the children from Richard Coates. Behaviour was exemplary and was complimented wherever we went. Well done Year 6!













Our Rocksteady Bands wowed an extra large crowd this morning at their very first concert! After only 10 weeks as a band, equating to just 5 hours rehearsal time, each band braved the stage and gave it their all. We are extremely proud of them just fantastic!



Let's All Rock it Out!



The Timelords



The Deathstars



Black Panther



Who are you?!

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Musical Opportunities for next academic year ...

St Andrew's Singers—our super school choir, led by Mrs Milner and Mrs Graham will continue to run in the Autumn Term. It runs each Monday and Thursday morning from 8.30am. Choir is open to all children from Year 1 upwards at a cost of £10 per term/per child.

Rocksteady Music has proved popular during the Summer term. If there is sufficient interest for next term then they will return. Rocksteady is an external band based peripatetic music service delivered by professionals. For those who have already subscribed, your online subscription will continue, should you wish to do so. For any interested newcomers, please contact <u>admin@heddon-school.co.uk</u> for further information.

We have an opportunity to engage a cello tutor; we are currently trying to gauge interest. If you are interested in cello tuition please contact admin@heddon-school.co.uk by Friday 14th July.

Music Partnership North are now advertising their County Music Ensembles & Choir for next academic year. Please see next page for what they have on offer.

Keyboard tuition will continue with Mr Reay. Please contact <u>admin@heddon-school.co.uk</u> for information.

Whole class ukulele tuition will be on offer for children in Years 3 and 4 with Mr Reay next year. Further details to be sent out.

Music lessons with specialist Music and Singing teacher Mrs Milner will continue for each year group from Nursery to Year 6.





MPN Stepping Stones

OPEN TO ALL INSTRUMENTS

Entering the second year of it's existence, Stepping Stones is providing students the experience and support while them take the first steps into ensemble playing. This ensemble is open to any instrument, all we ask is that students:

- · Have been playing for a minimum of one year · Are enthusiastic about meeting other like minded
- sicians . Are eager to learn new tunes and improve their playing

Stepping Stones does exactly what is says - it provides the dge and experience to bridge the gap between school-based tuition and Northumberland Youth Ensemble Northumbrian Ranters or Bedlington Brass Band. The

opportunities are endless! Rehearsal Schedule: 8 rehearsals throughout the year at

Morpeth First School, 6.15 - 7.45pm.

Entry Requirements: Students should have had tuition for 1 ool year, including whole class tuition.

(We do not like to turn anyone away so please contact us if ou are not sure.)



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Cost: £100

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Click HERE to fill in the online application form DO NOT PAY UNTIL REQUESTED TO



Young Pipers Group

NORTHUMBRIAN SMALL PIPES PERFORMANCE GROUP

The aim of the group is to encourage players, no matter what level of ability, to share enthusiasm and skills with other young pipers.

This ensemble is only possible by the kind support and sponsorship of the Northumbrian Pipers Society and Mindrum Estates.

Working together we continue to encourage students to learn this traditional instrument. Playing the Northumbrian pipes is not just technique, it encompases the rich heritage of our county and the strong traditions of our music and instruments.

Northumbrian Pipes can be hired from both Musi Partnership North and the Northumbrian Pipers' Society.

Peer to peer support is a key focus of the ses

Rehearsal Schedule: 8 rehearsals throughout the year at Morpeth First School, 6.15 - 7.45pm

Entry Requirements: An interest to learn through to ope standard. All are welcome





""Thank you so much for your magnificent contribution to the Open Weekend. Your pipers were really wonderful, and gave a great deal of pleasure to our visitors. You were all so beautifully turned out, and a great credit.

Joanna Riddell High Sheriff of Northumberland

Cost: TBC.

Click HERE to fill in the online application form

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The Hoolies

YOUTH CHOIR

Hoolies is the dynamic MPN youth choir and our aim is to build on the positive work done by school choirs and vocal projects

This ensemble brings together vocalists of all abilities from across the county to sing a wide variety of music from all over the world.

Over time, this will also give more advanced/experience singers the opportunity to develop their own vocal leadership skills and play a part in shaping the direction of this project.

Rehearsal Schedule: 8 rehearsals throughout the year at Morpeth First School, 6.15 - 7.45pm.

Entry Requirements: Students of all abilities between the age of 7 -18

""It really helped my daughter fee less isolated. Music is her only extra curricular activity and these groups were wonderful for her tallut

Cost £100

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Or click HERE to fill in the online ensemble application form.

If your child is already in an MPN ensemble you still need to re-apply to ensure we hold up to date information regarding your child. NEW this year, one form which covers both your application and consent!

Once your application has been received further information will be issued to you in July.

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ARTS COUNCIL

Don't forget to check out all our ensembles on YouTube, click each title to watch the full concert.



mpncharity.com

https://music.northumberland.gov.uk ensembles@northumberland.gov.uk

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Are you stuck for something to read?

Can you not find a great new author?

The Summer holidays is a great time for children to be able to spend some time with an exciting new book whether on the airplane to foreign places, in the car around and about or just lazing in the garden at home.

One of the most common questions we are asked in School about books is what do we recommend.

The Books Trust has put together some lists of the best books for children split across different age ranges:

For books for 0-5 years please click here

For books for 6-8 year olds please click here

For books for 9-11 year olds please click here

For books for 12-14 year olds please click here

I wonder how many of these books you have already read?

Don't worry if you cannot afford to purchase these books as you are able to order any of them for free from your local library







Ideas for the Summer Holidays

Staying Fit and Healthy

The Summer holidays is a great time for families to get out and about in the beautiful outdoors. This can be difficult when children seem super-glued to their electronic devices so Internet Matters has put together a useful advice page with lots of different apps for children of all ages to get them motivated to get outside! To check out this page please <u>click here</u>.

Eating out

As the UK continues through a cost of living crisis the School is aware that for some families providing a hot meal each day can be challenging therefore please see the graphic below from 'Money Saving Central' which lists the places where kids can eat for free or for £1 during the 6 week Summer holiday 2023.



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Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

M&S and Farmhouse Inns

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Dates for your Diary



Monday 10th July 2023 (am only)	Newcastle Eagles STEM Event for Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 11th July 2023	Year 6 at St. James' Park for Toon Team Day
Wednesday 12 th July 2023	Crepe Day for Year 5 and Year 6 to celebrate Bastille Day
Tuesday 11th July 2023	FLOW Project Exhibition at Ponteland High School - 8.30am-6pm
Wednesday 12th July 2023	FLOW Project Exhibition at Ponteland High School - 8.30am-6pm
Thursday 13 th July 2023	FLOW Project Exhibition at Ponteland High School 8.30am- 6pm including Choir Performance at 6pm followed by refreshments at Ponteland Primary School
Friday 14th July 2023	Sports Day
Friday 14 th July 2023	School Reports go out
Monday 17 th July 2023	Moving Up Morning
Monday 17 th July 2023	Parents Evening Drop In – 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	Heddon's Got Talent 1pm in School Hall (Children only)
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for Parents – 2pm in School Hall
Friday 21 st July 2023	Summer Term Ends





Heddon-on-the-Wall St Andrew's Primary School 2023/24

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Bank holidays 2023/24 UK

25 December '23	Christmas Day	1 January '24	New Year's Day	6 May '24	Early May Bank Holiday
26 December '23	Boxing Day	29 March '24	Good Friday	27 May '24	Spring Bank Holiday
		1 April '24	Easter Monday	26 August '24	August Bank Holiday
School Holidays	Bank Holidays	Training Days			