



SOUTH HETTON HERALD

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Officially 'Good'!!

WELCOME BACK

It's the start of another academic year and I am so pleased to be beginning with the wonderful news of our Ofsted inspection, as well as brilliant SAT results from year 2 and year 6 this year.

It's great to welcome Mrs McHugh back from maternity and our new member of staff Miss Halliday, who is teaching year 4 this year.

The Ofsted inspectors were very impressed with the opportunities we give the children, not only within lessons, but our varied residential and day trips, visitors, sport, music and drama opportunities and we hit the ground running this September with Early Years out and about blackberry picking and the schools opening of Pupil Parliament!

Look out for the autumn term diary letter to keep you informed of up and coming school events and I hope you're ready for another 'stuffed-full' school year of activities and learning.

Mrs Griffiths
Headteacher

PPP Campaign

Last Summer, Year 6 ran their PPP campaign to help to raise awareness and end Period Poverty. This was part of their Go-Givers project that they worked on with Mrs Hill. The children wrote letters to try to make 'Pants Packs' for those women who are unable to afford sanitary products. This proved a huge success and an amazing amount was donated from the local community. The campaign also attracted the interest of local radio and newspapers - as well as our local MP Grahame Morris. The issue was, in fact, brought up by Grahame in the Houses of Parliament, who asked the house to congratulate the pupils for their efforts. The Packs were sent, at the end of term, to East Durham Food Bank for distribution. The project was so successful, that, not only did it win the Durham Go-Givers competition but it became the national winner. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to our wider school community for the support.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club costs have been rising over the last few years and so the cost of breakfast club will be increasing to £1.50 per day. Thank you for understanding.

Feeling 'Good'

Our Ofsted report can be found on the link below or by linking through our school website.

www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk

The report finds the school 'Good' in all areas. It states that the school has gone from strength to strength since joining Tudhoe Learning Trust. It states teaching is good and outcomes are improving. We have highly effective middle leaders. The pupils have a strong voice in school, they are well behaved and polite and respectful of one another. Governors are also well informed and monitor the school closely. With the help of the Trust, the many changes that have taken place they have been adapted to suit 'the South Hetton way'. Areas for the school to develop include developing the curriculum, improving further the progress of the most able in lessons and improving attendance.

Macmillan Cake Sale

We will be holding our annual cake sale on Thursday 20th September. All donations of bought and hand made cakes are welcome on the day. Cakes will be sold at 30p each to the children. Thank you for your continued support.

Friends of South Hetton Primary

The Summer Fayre was a great success and made £1004. A huge thank you to everyone for their support. The next event will be the Halloween disco on Monday 29th October.

Anyone interested in getting involved and joining the team please contact Mrs Ryall or the school office

Safeguarding

Keeping our children safe is of the highest importance. If you have any issues or concerns please approach one of our safeguarding leads.

These are Mrs Griffiths, Mr Ruddick or Mrs Thompson. Alternatively, speak to any member of staff who are fully trained and will pass on any concerns using the appropriate procedure.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Our Defibrillator has now been fitted outside the community centre and is available for the whole community to use. Well done to everyone in the community for their support of this potentially lifesaving facility.



Social Media

Please remember to be responsible when using social media with regards to school matters. Any issues or problems should be directed to school via the proper channels so that they can be resolved quickly. Airing such issues on social media means that we can't respond to the issues quickly and directly.

Social media sites can be a fantastic tool and we do our best to educate the children to be responsible users.

Please also remember that many children in school are not allowed to be photographed for a variety of safeguarding reasons. Photographs including children other than your own should not be shared on Facebook as they unknowingly can place children at risk.

We appreciate your cooperation in this area. Any feedback on how we can continue to improve parental communication can be left at the end of this newsletter or by

PE Kit

Once again this year we are expecting all children to have appropriate PE kit in school. We would like the children to wear their team colours (available cheaply at ASDA). This has been fantastic so far and has been a huge help in PE lessons and for our inter-house competitions. Thank you for your support in this matter

Residential

Our programme of residentials was completed in the summer term. Year 1 and 2 headed north to Alwick and visited the castle and gardens. Year 5 were evacuated to Helmsley by train, visited Eden Camp, Helmsley Castle and even went swimming. Finally, Year 6 had an amazing trip to London. They took in a show, visited the Rainforest Cafe and went to Chessington World of Adventures.

NSPCC

Safeguarding our children is of huge importance. The NSPCC will be delivering assemblies and workshops with Years 5 & 6 this half term.

ROCK STAR TIMES TABLES

Keep an eye out for this new, fun challenge to try at home. Hopefully this will help the children to learn their times tables in a fun way and compete against their classmates.



SAT RESULTS

To back up our Ofsted, we wanted results to showing our improvement. They didn't disappoint

KS2 Reading	79%	Expected Standard (21% GD)
KS2 Writing	79%	Expected Standard (21% GD)
KS2 Maths	88%	Expected Standard (15% GD)
KS2 GPS	82%	Expected Standard (27% GD)
KS2 Combined	67%	Expected Standard (6% GD)
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KS1 Reading	75%	Expected Standard (29% GD)
KS1 Writing	68%	Expected Standard (18% GD)
KS1 Maths	75%	Expected Standard (18% GD)

Year 1 Phonics	80%	Expected Standard
Early Years	78%	Good Level of Development.

GD - Greater Depth



Going for Gold

We have been awarded Gold School Games Mark for 2018. This is an excellent achievement and demonstrates the school's commitment to sport and physical activity. Some of the things that led to this award were our commitment to competition in and outside school, our after school clubs (that attempt to get as many children active as we can), opportunities for children to lead sport and the links we have with clubs in the wider community. Two years ago we had bronze, last year silver and now Gold! Well done everyone!

In addition to this, we also received a Gold Leadership award from County Durham. Well done everyone



New Equipment

This term we will be fundraising for some new gym mats. The mats clip together and provide a much better surface for gymnastics and dance lessons.

School Sports Week

National School Sports week was once again a great success. The children participated in a skipping workshop and also did some dance with Mrs Woolsey. Sports Day was won by Houghton in fine style.

Netball

Our Year 4 and 5 Netball team also performed very well while gaining experience. Hopefully, this will bode well for the competition coming up in a few weeks time.

Rugby League

Our Rugby League team were victorious in the very last SSP competition of the year. Their work with Peterlee Pumas last year held them in good stead and they put in some superb performances. Rugby League is full contact and not for the faint hearted. Well done.

Athletics

At South Hetton Primary School, we love athletics. Our teams performed brilliantly at both the SSP and Chester-le-Street competitions. In year 5 and 6, outstanding performance came from from Lucas Turnbull who won the triple jump at the SSP event and finished second in the county finals when representing Easington. Lacie Milburn also starred again, winning the ball throw at Chester-le-Street for the second year running.

In Year 3 and 4, the children performed well as a team to finish in second place overall. - a fantastic result! They then had the amazing opportunity to represent Easington in the quad kids event at the Durham County Summer School Games at Barnard Castle School. A fantastic summer of athletics. Well done to all. Our eyes now turn to cross country and preparation for the winter ahead.



Mountain Biking

At Y6 mountain biking we had some success and finished third in the team event. Macey Kennedy was second in the individual competition.

Year 5 Kwik Cricket

Year 5 loved their day at Peterlee CC playing in their festival. Our A and B teams met in the semi final. The A team won but lost in the final. The B team finished 4th. It was a great introduction to cricket. Hopefully some of them will get down to South Hetton CC very soon!

For more information about sports clubs in and around our community please contact Mr Ruddick. We are developing links with a whole range of local clubs.

Parking

Please remember that the car park is for staff and official school visitors only. Please can we remind parents that dropping children off is not permitted before, during or after school. This also applies to children being brought to breakfast club. We have had a number of near misses with cars coming in and out at peak times. The gates will be closed from 8.30-9.15 am and also from 2.30 -3.15 to safeguard children entering or exiting school via the main entrance. Your cooperation is appreciated in this matter and we hope this information can be passed on to any adults who pick up or drop off children.

Behaviour System

At the end of term we enjoyed our inflatable behaviour treat on the field. This rewards those children who consistently follow our school rules.

This year we hope to get our Hett Shop up and running. Hetts are our South Hetton currency and can be earned for being well behaved, polite, helpful and friendly to others. The Hetts will be able to be spent at the end of each half term. Alternatively, they can be saved to purchase something larger! As well as physical items there will also be experience vouchers that can be purchased.

Our behaviour treat this term is once again 'Flash the Magician.'

House Captains

Our house captains for 2017/18 have been selected. They will lead teams in a series of inter house events across the year

Todd	Cody Turner
	Amy Hughes
Houghton	Ben Lawrence
	Paige Blythn
Bradyll	Adam Elliott
	Libby Bradbrook
Gascoinge	Misha Wood
	Blake Gallimore

Pupil Parliament

Our Pupil Parliament will once again be elected this half term. The first year was very successful but lots more can be done to develop it further.

We will shortly be looking for children who wish to stand for election. They should be thinking about which skills and ideas they can bring to the Parliament and which committee would they be best working on.

Once elected, we will once again hold our official opening of parliament.

Taylor Shaw

Our new menus will be out this week!. Please keep your eyes out for them.

KS1 receive free dinners and payment for school dinners in KS2 can be made via Parent Pay

Young Enterprise

Year 3 and Year 6 will engage with a Young Enterprise day this October from Primary Enterprise World. This teaches children about how to manage their finances, how to budget successfully and about the economic status of the world.

School Website!

Our website is updated weekly with letters and other important school information. Find us at:
www.southhetton.durham.sch.uk

What Do You Think?

In each Newsletter we ask for parents' views about our school. Do you have any suggestions? Is there anything we could do better? What are we doing well? Any general comments? Just pop your comment into the box below, cut across the line and send it into the school. (Only include your name if you would like to!)