

**ONLY 10 MORE FRIDAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS !**



KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-DATE EVENTS AND CALENDAR DATES.

**HUGE THANK YOU!**

Our Harvest Festival was a huge success - Thank you to everyone who donated, the display looked fabulous.



We were able to provide Harvest Hampers to a number of people who were nominated and the remainder of the food was donated to support families in need in the area.

**PE Kit and PE Days**

This year, we decided to trial a new system for PE days for the children, the purpose of this was to maximise their PE time and remove the need for getting changed within school (hopefully removing lost clothing items too!).

This has been a success and will continue with PE days as follows after half-term - PLEASE NOTE THEY HAVE CHANGED:

**Nursery and Reception - Tuesday**

**Year One - Tuesday and Thursday**

**Year Two - Monday and Tuesday**

**Year Three - Wednesday and Thursday**

**Year Four - Monday and Friday**

If your child attends and after-school club outside of their normal PE day, they will need a PE kit in school on club days.

**LOCAL AUTHOR VISIT AND BOOK SIGNING**

Toby Glover is a local children's author with over 20 books, his range of fun, rhyming stories are popular for all Primary children. His stories feature naughty dolphins, squirrels with nut allergies, ambitious dogs, pet dinosaurs, flying chickens, pirate zombies, green teddy bears and many more! His Mark Shark adventures are in talks to become a new animated series! Toby has been touring schools and will be visiting us on Thursday 24th October to share his stories. His books are available as both paperbacks and ebooks on Amazon, also parents will have the chance to purchase signed copies on the day with card or cash, from 3pm. [www.tobybooktour.com](http://www.tobybooktour.com)



## ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE Governor Update

Governors met last night and discussed our school attendance policy and incentives at length.

Following receipt of a small number of concerns regarding the attendance incentives, we circulated a questionnaire last week and asked governors to consider both the concerns raised and also the questionnaire responses received.

Governors have asked for their thanks to be passed on to everyone who completed the questionnaire (we received 62 responses) and also to those people who shared their concerns by following school policy and protocol.



Governors have decided that they would like to suspend ALL incentives for the moment whilst a working party is formed, between governors and parents/carers. The working party will be chaired by our Attendance Governor and the purpose of the party will be to define good attendance and how we wish to celebrate/promote this. A questionnaire will be circulated soon, where parents/carers can express their interest in joining the working party and help shape how attendance incentives look for HVFS.

Unfortunately, this also means the Mario Class incentive race will also be paused for the moment. We will update in due course once the group has been established and have met.



**Date for your diary!**

**Between Tuesday 5th and Friday 8th November, we will have a Scholastic Book Fair in school every afternoon from 3pm to 3.45pm. This is a GREAT opportunity for children to buy low cost books with over 30% of the books on sale being priced under £5.**

**We are also opening the fair up for parents/carers only on Friday 8th from 2pm for any Christmas purchases that you may not wish to be seen by little eyes! Payment can be by cash, card or contactless - so hopefully this will make it easier for all.**

**We have not had a book fair in school for a long time so we are looking forward to this and hope it will be well received and a huge success.**

## Talk To Us

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The portal for Middle school applications for 2025 is now open and closes on 31st October - parents/carers must log into this portal to request places: [https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

Governors would like to remind all school users of the expectation that all adults and children speak to and treat each other with respect.

They ask that parents/carers be civil in their communications with school and do not become frustrated or rude. Please respectful in the tone and language you use;; do not raise your voice or use aggressive or threatening language or behaviour towards staff.

We will always listen to parents/carers and seek to address any issues as soon as possible, in line with our complaints procedure.