



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'
Husthwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Monthly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2025...

A busy start to the academic year!

Pupil Voice Groups.

All children have had their first meeting of the year; staff introduced the children to their new groups and welcomed new members by explaining the concept of Pupil Voice. They also outlined the types of planning each group will be involved in throughout the year. They then split into groups to plan out the year ahead.

Money Makers – The previous year's Money Makers put forward some great long-term ideas; this year Money Makers intend to continue to think of long-term goals and fundraising ideas. The children also planned our first event, Macmillan Cake Sale, and will soon be putting together ideas for Children in Need.

Healthy Schools - After a year focusing on physical health, we have shifted to thinking about mental health and ways we can keep ours healthy. After just one meeting, the children decided they were keen to resurrect the Calm Club at break, for those who wanted a quiet, relaxing activity.

HEGG (Husthwaite Eco Gardening Group): After celebrating last year's groups amazing achievement of RHS Level 3. We looked at what work we need to do to achieve Level 4. The Wildlife area will be a big feature of Level 4 as well as sharing our plants and seeds with others. Other jobs the children will be doing this half term will be tidying areas after the summer months and prepping areas for the autumn and winter.

Congratulations to last year's HEGG, over the holidays our RHS Level 3 award was approved.



Epic Improvers: To begin with we looked at the success of last year, primarily the erection of the outdoor reflection area, which will be up and running very soon. We then discussed the improvements in school that our Epic Improvers for this academic year want to see.



Phoebe L and Niamh, our Year 6 Collective Worship Spiritual Leaders, attended the second workshop of the Elevate MAT Church Schools Collective Worship group at South Kilvington Academy. They discussed the definition of worship – thinking about beliefs, praying, singing, talking together about school values and listening to stories with a moral. The definition of collective is so important to all of our School Community – being together, everyone in the school, and believing (mostly) the same thing. We look forward to the Collective Worship challenges that they have been set to carry out back in our school. Watch this space...

Last academic year, KS2 participated in the Birds on the Edge Project with the North Yorks National Park. After all the data had been collected, we had a follow up session to show how our results compared to other schools taking part. We were also presented with a Geocaching coin. The children then had an amazing afternoon geo-caching on our school grounds.



This week our school has taken part in the launch of the NSPCC campaign, 'SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE'. The children from Year 1 to 6 all watched an engaging video, introduced by Ant and Dec about the campaign and the importance of standing up for yourself and speaking out. No child should ever have to face any kind of harm or abuse, and through the valuable work of the NSPCC and all that we do in school, we hope to equip our children with the tools to speak out if something does not feel right. The children in Years 2/5/6 will be taking part in workshops led by NSPCC volunteers on Wednesday 8th October and we look forward to their visit.



Also, today we once again are supporting Macmillan. Money Makers have organised a fantastic first event and invited the school to wear something green and to donate buns, which the children then donated £1 to buy and enjoy! The school JustGiving page has so far raised a wonderful £44 : remember, donations can still be made online via our JustGiving page. [/cm25.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM25060268](https://cm25.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM25060268)

Friday 12 th September Awards	
Class 1, Mrs Chappell.	Apple Award Archie Bell for trying so hard in our group input time to listen. – Headteacher's sticker – Jack for his continued effort to recognise his numbers in Mastery Maths. Writer of the week – Alfie for trying so hard to write his name independently.
Class 2, Miss Goodchild.	Apple Award – Isla for her enthusiasm in class, doing everything asked with a smile. Headteacher's sticker – Rocco for using the maths equipment to support his maths work. Writer of the week – Oscar for his brilliant diary of a squirrel writing and the efforts he is putting in to keep the size of his writing smaller and consistent.
Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.	Apple Award – William H for showing real maturity and having a brilliant start to year 5. Headteacher's sticker – Eliza B for her consistent place value work this week, partitioning 4 digits numbers confidently in lots of different ways. Writer of the week – Freya for detailed, structured (and disgusting) Rotten Roman recipes.
Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Alice for being so helpful, tidying up and helping Mrs Throup with new children.	

Friday 19th September Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award - Effie for her super phonics, she is trying so hard to blend her sounds together.

Headteacher's sticker – George B for his wonderful enthusiasm in PE.

Writer of the week - Elliott for his amazing rainbow mark making.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award - Robert for working so hard to find all the solutions to the maths problem.

Headteacher's sticker – Hunter for working hard on his online safety poster.

Writer of the week – Archie for the effort he put into his publishing.

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award - Eliza W. for her precise drawing of historical artefacts and making deductions from various sources

Headteacher's sticker – Phoebe L. and Niamh for being incredible ambassadors for our school at the Elevate Collective Worship Leader training.

Writer of the week – Phoebe R. for her descriptive writing linked to our class text 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Elliott for settling in so well to after school club, he is always happy and smiling

No Friday 26th September Awards due to Curriculum Enrichment Day

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Niamh for being extremely helpful, especially with the younger children

Please remember there is no **Friday Celebration Collective Worship** this afternoon due to European languages day dance workshops.

Have a great weekend.

NOTICES:

- We have been asked by North Yorkshire to make you aware of their new app - **REPORT STREET HARASSMENT ANYTIME, ANYDAY**. Residents and visitors in York & North Yorkshire can now report street harassment using the Stop Hate UK **Start Safe Stay Safe** 24HR Helpline app. Please see [attached information](#)
- As you know Mr Chapman is our Assistant Headteacher working across both schools in the Federation. Mr Chapman / our senior teacher Miss Goodchild is in charge in my absence on site at Hushwaite, please don't hesitate to contact them if they can be of any assistance.
- Being the beginning of the academic year please can we remind all of our school uniform.

School uniform:

Red or grey sweater/cardigan
White or red polo shirt
Grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts
Grey/white socks or tights
Black sensible shoes.

PE Kit:

Plain white or red t-shirt
Navy/black shorts
Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt (for outdoor PE)
Plimsolls/trainers
Red hoodie (optional)

Hair: Children with hair below the shoulder must have their hair tied back.

Jewellery:- For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. If a watch is worn, it is at your own risk. Plain stud type earrings may be worn with pierced ears but must be removed (independently) during PE sessions. This is in line with North Yorkshire County Council's policy.

No nail varnish or makeup.

We do have some second hand uniform in school for those families that might need this assistance. Please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Dixon in the school office.

- Playtime snack** Please can we remind all we constantly promote healthy eating and being a healthy school. All EYFS and KS1 children are given a free piece of fruit / vegetable at playtime which we encourage all to take advantage of. Please can we ask that any playtime snacks brought in from home are of a healthy variety. Water bottles are for water only, no juice please.
- School Drop Off** Please can we remind everyone that **school starts at / registration is at 8.50am**. The gate is officially opened at 8.40am and locked at 8.50am/after the school bus has arrived. Any child arriving after 8.50am is recorded as late (L) and if arrives after registration is closed at 9am is recorded as unauthorised (U).

- If you are interested in your child starting individual or small group music lessons, please use the following link: <https://northyorks.eepos.fi/#/forms/1>

Please remember that if your child is currently in receipt of FSM, support with music tuition cost is available.

- FOHS (Friends of Husthwaite School) are having their first meeting of the academic year on Friday 3rd October at 2pm in school. Everyone, old and new parents and carers are warmly invited for a social cuppa with FOHS and Miss Bennett. It is very much appreciated however much or little time you can give.
- Please can we remind all parents and carers that holidays during term time will be unauthorised unless they meet the NYCC exceptional circumstances criteria. Please be aware unauthorised absences can result in penalty fines from NYCC.
- **Communication.**
Dojo, school admin email and open door policy. As you know we encourage strong communication between school and home. If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please Dojo them a private message, see them before or after school or contact the school office through email or telephone. Staff will respond as soon as possible within school opening hours, 8.30 – 3.30pm.
- **Federation Local Committee.**

PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY – WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BECOME A FEDERATION PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBER?

MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

DEVELOP YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

HELP SHAPE EXPERIENCES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

No in-depth knowledge of the education system is needed, you bring your skills and workplace knowledge that will help positively impact young lives. For more details please don't hesitate to contact Miss Bennett.

WE WILL BE HAVING OUR PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTIONS LATER THIS TERM

What is it like to be a Committee member?

'Having been a School Governor since November 2023, I wanted to share some of my experiences and explain a bit more about what it is like to be a member of the Husthwaite and Sessay Local Governing Body.

Being a Governor is a great way to understand more about how the School's operate and support staff to improve the lives and education of the children and communities they serve. As a Governor, your role is to provide oversight of the School budget, curriculum, policies (including safeguarding), property and staff and act as a local voice to the trustees of the Elevate Multi-Academy Trust that we are now part of.

The Governing Body meets 3 times a year (once per term) for a couple of hours and Governor's should aim to visit at least one of the School's each term to maintain familiarity with the school and staff and discuss an area of school governance that you will have been assigned (known as a Link Governor). You do not need any specific skills or qualifications to be a Governor - however interest and experience in one of the areas listed above would be a great addition to our small group.

If you are interested to know more about being a Governor/Committee member then please contact Miss Bennett.'
(P White – Parent Governor at Husthwaite)

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES:

Saturday 27 September	Open Morning at Husthwaite CE Primary School 9.30-10.30am.
1 October	Phonics / Early Literacy morning 8:40-9:am. Everyone welcome but especially useful for parents in R to Y2.
2 October	EYFS and KS1 Cluster Fun Run at Husthwaite. Flu immunisation.
3 October	FOHS meeting 2pm. School photographer.
6 October	Harvest Festival 2.30pm at St Nicholas Church. Parent Evening 4-6.30pm.
8 October	Elevate SEND parent drop in session 2.45pm. Parent Evening 3.30-5pm.
10 October	World Mental Health Day – Hello Yellow Day!
23 October	FOHS Pumpkin carving competition.
23 October	<i>School breaks up for half term.</i>
24 October	<i>Training Day</i>
3 November	<i>Training Day</i>
4 November	<i>School open for Autumn term 2.</i>

10-14 November 11 November	Anti Bullying week 'Power For Good' Remembrance Day. Whole school open afternoon 1.15-2.30pm.
12 November	FOHS School Disco 4.30-6pm.
13 November	Curriculum Enrichment Day – PSHE.
14 November	MoneyMakers – Children In Need.
17-21 November 17 November	Road Safety week Years 5 and 6 Crucial Crew.
19 November	Y6 Bikeability
21 November	Non uniform day.
24 November (Amended date)	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents, 5pm on Teams.
Sunday 30 November	Husthwaite Christmas Market at the village hall.
5 December	Husthwaite Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Fair 3-4pm.
11 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity.
12 December	Autumn term Mini Report Cards.
19 December	Christingle Service at St Nicholas' Church 9.30am. <i>2.30pm School breaks up for Christmas holiday.</i>

www.husthwaiteprimaryschool.org