



Helmsley Community Primary School

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THIS WEEK'S SUPERSTAR

IS:

EMELIA LIS

For her fantastic attitude and effort with all aspects of school.

This Week's House Points

Harriers (red): 81

Eagles (green): 81

Hawkes (yellow): 67

Falcons (blue): 83



LIBRARY VISIT

Friday @ 1:15pm— BEECH

If anyone can help walk them down please let us know.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Benefits of Reading

At Helmsley we are acutely aware of the value of daily reading for all pupils.

We have been promoting this in school by:

- ◆ Reinstating book corners in classrooms
- ◆ Using reading ladders in the classroom to recognise pupils who read regularly at home
- ◆ Sharing a class book daily with pupils basing our curriculum around a book theme
- ◆ Incorporating regular whole class reading sessions into English lessons
- ◆ Recruiting extra helpers for our school reading army (more helpers are welcome!)
- ◆ Visiting the local library to select and share books, discussing reading preferences
- ◆ Introducing reading for pleasure sessions

DIARY DATES

Wed 26th Sept

Yr 6 Ryedale Presentation
Evening @ Helmsley CP School
7:00pm

Fri 28th Sept

Macmillan Coffee Morning
9:00am

Fri 28th Sept

Yr 5/6 Football @ Ryedale

Tue 2nd Oct

Parent Consultation Meetings
3:20-7:00pm

Thur 4th Oct

Parent Consultation Meetings
3:20-5:00pm

Fri 5th Oct

Yr 3/4 Football @ Ryedale

Fri 12th Oct

School photographs

Fri 12th Oct

Yr 1/2 Football @ Ryedale

Wed 24th Oct

Harvest Festival—All Saints
Church time TBC

Fri 26th Oct

Halloween Disco @ Town Hall



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We are making the key focus of our homework plans and ask that you read with your child a minimum of 3 times a week. If you can find those minutes now, we promise that this will give a long term impact on the lives of your children.

10 BENEFITS OF READING

1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.

After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different.

2. Reading exercises our brain.

Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.

3. Reading improves concentration.

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

6. Reading develops a child's imagination.

As we read, our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

7. Reading helps children to develop empathy.

As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

8. Reading is a fun.

A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere. You can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.

9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.

Reading together on the sofa, bedtime stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.

10. Children who read achieve better in school.

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.





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Homework

Your child will have come home this evening with a copy of our school homework menu. There is no expectation of how many activities your child completes but we will be looking for pupils who have extended their learning at home. There will be an opportunity for pupils to share their creations with the whole school during our fabulous finish week.

[An extra copy of the homework menu has been emailed with this newsletter.](#)

Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent Consultation Meetings will be taking place on:

Tuesday 2nd October 3:20—7:00pm

Thursday 4th October 3:20—5:00pm

Reminder of how to make a booking: [\(This will go live from Monday 24th September at 4:00pm\).](#)

- ◆ Search **MCAS** in your web browser and the login page will be the first entry or go to www.mychildatschool.com. Login using the user name and password which was sent home.. School ID is 11393.
- ◆ Click on the parents evening tab
- ◆ Select the parents meeting date you prefer from the drop down menu
- ◆ Click on the box in the centre of the page, containing the class name and teacher
- ◆ Select the required time and click book

If you have any problems please contact the School Office.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning is being held on Friday 28th September at 9.00am in school. We will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Research for people affected by cancer.

In order to have a coffee morning we will need cake! Any donations will be more than welcome. If you can spare five minutes to create something special or even just pop to the shop we would be very grateful.

REMINDERS

Ryedale Presentation Evening

The presentation will take place for the Year 6 pupils and parents at 7:00pm on Wednesday 26th September in the school hall. Please make sure attendance forms have been returned.

