

Wednesday 14th December 2022

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# Newsletter

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## CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've had our party and seen  
Father Christmas"  
Mia-Rose - UF1



**School Closes on Friday 16th December 2022**  
**Children can be collected from 2.00pm**  
**(gates will be open from 1.50 pm)**  
**School opens on Tuesday 3rd January 2023**



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAYS

Children can wear Christmas Jumpers or non uniform on the last day of school on Friday 16th December 2022.



**COST OF LIVING** - We would like share the following websites with you in this difficult time: [moneyadvice@wakefielddistrictcab.co.uk](mailto:moneyadvice@wakefielddistrictcab.co.uk), [getcashwise.co.uk](http://getcashwise.co.uk) and [wakefield.gov.uk/more-money-in-my-pocket/money](http://wakefield.gov.uk/more-money-in-my-pocket/money)

**CINDERELLA** - Children had a wonderful treat on Monday watching Cinderella, performed by StoryMagic. There was lots of audience participation and children enjoyed watching a live performance, what a great start to the week.



**HEALTH WEBSITE** - We wish you all well over the Christmas Holidays and would like to share the following website: <https://wyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk>

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Our Nursery and Foundation concert of 'A Wiggly Nativity' was wonderful and the children enjoyed singing and performing for their grown ups. The KS2 performances of Bethlehem The Musical was fantastic, the children enjoyed singing together as a whole Key Stage and are a credit to yourselves and our School.



**Red Team Reward** - Our Red Team won the termly reward with over 2,500 team points. They watched a Christmas movie, with a hot chocolate with Mr Benson and Mrs Ashton. 2nd Blue Team, 3rd Yellow Team and 4th was Green Team. We will be starting our Spring Term team points on the first day back in 2023. Well done everyone!

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL GOVERNORS

"The Governing Body would like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the children and families of Hendal Primary School.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the staff for everything they do for our children. Since term began at the start of September not only have staff taught our children, looked after them at play time and lunch time, before and after school, marked assessments as well as class work, liaised with parents either face to face, via email or on the phone as well as on Parents' Evening, they have also offered our children a host of experiences and activities out of the classroom that has enhanced their learning and given them opportunities they may not otherwise have had.

There have been trips to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, the Big Toddle at Pugneys, the Stardome in School, a Stone Age and Fossil Workshop, visits to Newmillerdam, Magna, Eureka, Temple Newsam, a 2 night residential for Year 6, a visit to a Hindu Temple, Cinema Night, a theatre group in School plus the Harvest Festival, Christmas Concerts, Christmas Class Parties, outdoor learning with Grow Wakefield, EYFS Open Evening, Rewards afternoons, awareness days for Anti Racism and Mental Health. Alongside that staff have arranged photographs, flu immunisations, Sports Leaders, Reading and PSHCE Ambassador meetings and lots more I am sure I have missed. We are incredibly grateful to all of the staff in School who enables these things to happen.

We hope that all staff and their families, as well as all of our polite and hard-working children enjoy a well deserved rest over the Christmas holidays ready for another exciting and busy term in January.

This year we have 80 children with **100% attendance** this term. This is a magnificent achievement considering the year we have had. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them and thank their parents for their continued support.



## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

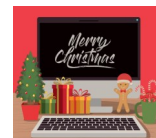
Our Christmas parties have taken place this week and our children have enjoyed getting into the Christmas Spirit with party games, music and dancing. Father Christmas visited our Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2.



## SAFEGUARDING - KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE OVER CHRISTMAS

Buying your child a new device for Christmas? Tips for staying safe  
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/new-device-christmas/>

How you can keep young people safer online over the Christmas period ... and beyond!  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/how-you-can-keep-young-people-safer-online-over-the-christmas-period/>



**From all of the Staff at Hendal Primary, have a Wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.**

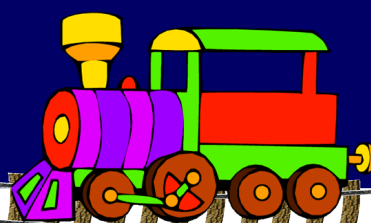


Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs K Ashton (Headteacher), Mr D Benson (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs R Knowles (Assistant Head Teacher, SENCO & Early Years Foundation Leader), Safeguarding Governor - Mrs A Spiers (Chair of Governors - [aspier@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:aspier@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk)) If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children you can contact Social Care Direct on 0345 850 3503

# Attendance Tracking



Hendal Primary School  
Belong, Aspire, Achieve.



Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	85.5%
Penguin (6B)	96.9%
Orca (5A)	88.6%
Falcon (5B)	92.6%
Zebra (4A)	93.8%
Koala (4B)	91.6%
Elephant (3A)	94%
Giraffe (3B)	91.7%
Toucan (2A)	97.3%
Flamingo (2B)	83.8%
Tiger (1A)	92.5%
Panda (1B)	92.7%
Lions 1 (UF1)	91.4%
Lions 2 (UF2)	90%

**100% Class Attendance Non Uniform**  
Unfortunately non or our classes achieved 100% last week.

## ATTENDANCE

If a class gets 100% they are allowed to come in non school uniform the following Friday. Children love trying to achieve this and we would be grateful if you could support us with this.

## ATTENDANCE CLASS LEADERS

1B	Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term.
5B	Termly reward of a golden hour on last day of term.
5B	Whole School yearly reward of a visit by the Ice Cream van.

## LATE ARRIVALS

**26** children arrived late last week - this means that they lost valuable learning time and did not get the best possible start to the school day. Why not bring your child to our breakfast club to make sure they are at school ready to start lessons on time every day.

At Hendal Primary School we are dedicated to ensuring that each child has the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability and reach their full potential. To achieve this it is vital that children attend school every day, and arrive on time.

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

## ATTENDANCE INDICATORS

Below 90%	Unacceptable persistent absence - serious cause for concern.
90-94.99%	Cause for concern - less chance of progression
95-97.99%	Satisfactory - room for improvement
98-99.99%	Good
100%	Excellent

Attendance as  
at 9th December 2022  
**91.6%** (Target 96%)

## Star of the week

Class	Star of the Week	Class	Star of the Week
Llama (6A)	Lydia	Toucan (2A)	Agnes
Penguin (6B)	Ria M	Flamingo (2B)	Amy
Orca (5A)	Lola	Tiger (1A)	Matilda
Falcon (5B)	Hazel	Panda (1B)	Harry
Zebra (4A)	Harrison	Lions (UF1)	Whole Class
Koala (4B)	Lily H	Lions (UF2)	Whole Class
Elephant (3A)	Kitana	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Joey	Lion Cubs	Whole Class