

Wednesday 8th November 2023

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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"In Maths we have been looking at area, it is fun to learn new things". Noah - 4A



We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing half term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 17th Nov	Children In Need
Tues 21st Nov	EYFS & KS1 Cinema Night
Thurs 23rd Nov	KS2 Cinema Night
Mon 27th Nov	Inset Day School Closed
Thurs 30th Nov	Christmas Fair
Tues 12th Dec	Years 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Concert
Thurs 14th Dec	Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 18th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Party
Tues 19th Dec	EYFS Christmas Concert
Wed 20th Dec	Year 3 & 4 Party
Thurs 21st Dec	EYFS Party 10-2 and Year 5&6 Party
Fri 22nd Dec	Inset School Closed
Thurs 21st Dec	END OF TERM
Friday 22nd Dec	Inset Day School Closed and Reopens Mon 8th Jan

Year 6 - Cannon Hall Visit

Our Year 6 children visited Cannon Hall for a World War II Experience. The children took part in many World War II workshops including studying artifacts and baking sweets of that era.

PARENTS EVENINGS - Thank you to all parents who came to Parents Evening. We hope you found this informative and useful to support your child's learning moving forward.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - A big thank you for your generosity for Harvest. This was distributed to the local community and St Catherine's Food Bank.

SAFEGUARDING - PARKING

After yet another near miss, may I ask that you park safely and drive slowly and carefully near School, particularly around the area of Humley Road and Boyne Drive. Our Wakefield Highways will be visiting randomly.

Anti-Bullying Week - 13th to 17th November 2023

Odd Socks Day - Tuesday 14th November 2023

Children can "unite" by wearing odd socks on Tuesday 14th November along with their school uniform, to support acceptance of equality and diversity of all.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Our attendance is below average. Attendance is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Establishing a regular school attendance routine helps students develop critical life skills, such as time management, organisation, and responsibility. If a child is late, they miss important information about the day's activities. School Attendance matters. Please can we share the following link to support your decision making for when your child should and shouldn't be in School. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/when-should-my-child-be-in-school/)

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - HAMPER ITEMS NEEDED

We are creating colour coded hampers which we are selling raffle tickets for. Your child's class will be allocated a colour as follows:

PINK - Nursery, **BLUE** - Reception, **GREEN** - Year 1, **GOLD** - Year 2, **SILVER** - Year 3, **PURPLE** - Year 4, **WHITE** - Year 5 and **RED** - Year 6.

Items don't have to be large or expensive, some ideas for you are biscuits, chocolates, crackers, a bottle, candles, a beauty item or unwanted gifts.

YEAR 6 ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL PARENTS MEETING WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2023

We are holding a meeting in Class 6B Miss Young's classroom on Wednesday 15th November at 3.15pm for parents of children who are going on the Robinwood Residential. At this meeting there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions you may have.



POPPY APPEAL - Poppies are now on sale in School. You can send money into school with your child to buy one.



Cinema Night

Don't forget tickets are still on sale for the Cinema Night.

Tues 21st November 2023 Reception, Year 1 and 2

Thurs 23rd November 2023 KS2 - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

The cost of the night is £3 per child and they will receive a hot dog, drink and a cookie.



CHRISTMAS FAIR - THURSDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2023

It's that time of year again - could you please have a good sort out and send in any toys, books, toiletries, chocolate, teddies and gifts for our **Tombola**, **Teddy Tombola**, **Toy Stall** and **Chocolate Surprise**. We are also having our craft/gift stall, any donations that we can use to make unusual gifts, please send into school. As usual we will be having our fantastic Cake Stall, don't forget to get your ingredients in ready to bake for the fair.



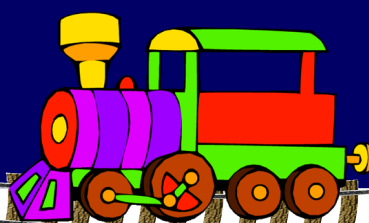
INSET DAY - Monday 27th November is an Inset day for all children. School will not be open on Monday 27th November 2023.

Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs K Ashton (Headteacher), Mr D Benson (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs R Knowles (Assistant Head Teacher, SENCO & Early Years Foundation Leader), Mrs R Betham Teacher, Miss A Walsh Learning Mentor Safeguarding Governor, Mrs A Spiers (Chair of Governors - aspier@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk) If you have any concerns regarding the

Attendance Tracking



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Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	96%
Penguin (6B)	95%
Orca (5A)	94.5%
Falcon (5B)	98.6%
Zebra (4A)	92.9%
Koala (4B)	94.3%
Elephant (3A)	99.0%
Giraffe (3B)	94.7%
Toucan (2A)	97.0%
Flamingo (2B)	92.4%
Tiger (1A)	97.9%
Panda (1B)	93.0%
Lions 1 (UF1)	86.1%
Lions 2 (UF2)	84.8%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 23rd October 2023.

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

4B	Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term.
4B	Termly reward of a golden hour on last day of term.
4B	Whole School yearly reward of a visit by the Ice Cream van.

LATE ARRIVALS

30 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.

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

Last Weeks Attendance as at
27th October 2023

94.4% (Target 96%)

Year So Far

95.02%

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.

Star of the week

Class	Star of the Week	Class	Star of the Week
Llama (6A)	Isaac	Toucan (2A)	Whole Class
Penguin (6B)	Annabelle	Flamingo (2B)	Whole Class
Zebra (5A)	Whole Class	Tiger (1A)	Albie
Falcon (5B)	Emilis	Panda (1B)	Kaitlin
Rhinoceros (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Louie
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Eva
Orca (3A)	Finlay	Lion Cubs	Jacob-Junior
Giraffe (3B)	Sylvie	Lion Cubs	Ribbon