

Wednesday 13th December 2023

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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been learning about Hanukkah, there are 8 candles including a Shamash candle".

Amira - Nursery



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 22nd Dec	Inset Day School Closed and Reopens Mon 8th Jan



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAYS

Children can wear

Christmas Jumpers on Friday 15th December and on the last day of school on Thursday 21st December.

CHRISTMAS DINNER 15th December 2023

We are having our Christmas Dinner on Friday 15th December.

Please remember to go on www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk to book your child a meal.

Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings,
Mozzerella & Tomato Puff,
Christmas Pudding,
Chocolate Muffin or Ice-Cream

SAFEGUARDING - USEFUL WEBSITES

We would like to share the following websites, as we appreciate some families may need some extra support throughout the festive period.

Samaritans - [Contact Us](#) | Samaritans
Call anytime Free on Telephone: 116 123

SAMARITANS

Andys Man Club - info@andysmanclub.co.uk

[Family Hubs – Wakefield Families Together](#)



THE BIG AMBITION



We have been asked to share the following link :

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>. Please can children and parents complete this survey to have your say about what is important to children.

Early Years Parent Craft Day

Thank you for attending the EYFS Craft Day. We hope you enjoyed spending precious time with your child in the classroom.

COMPUTING REVIEW

Last Wednesday we had a computing review with our School Improvement Partner. Mrs Bentham our Computing Lead and myself spent the morning visiting computing lessons, talking to pupils about their learning and talked to staff about their teaching. The morning was very successful, all children were aware of online safety and how to keep children safe online, which is an essential part of the modern world. Mrs Bentham was recognised as being a strong leader who has an oversight of the whole curriculum and supports teachers well. The School is very well resourced due to heavy investment in chrome books and Ipads. The children said they enjoyed their computing lessons and they were confident to use computing vocabulary such as Malware. Year 3 learnt how to identify a spoof website.

Christmas Parties

Mon 18th December - Years 1 & 2

Wed 20th December - Years 3 & 4

Thurs 21st December - EYFS and Years 5 & 6

Pre-packaged party food donations will be greatly appreciated. Children can come in their party clothes and appropriate footwear, Foundation Stage and KS1 children will also get to meet our very special visitor!

CHRISTMAS
PARTY



DICK WHITTINGTON

Children had a wonderful treat last Friday watching Dick Whittington, performed by StoryMagic. There was lots of audience participation and the children enjoyed watching a live performance. What a great end to the week.



A very big well done to all our children in Years 1, 2 & 3 for their performance of 'The Big Little Nativity'. Children thoroughly enjoyed performing on the stage, the costumes looked wonderful and the singing was delightful. Our other Christmas concerts are taking place Thursday and Tuesday. EYFS sell nativity photos for £1 at their nativity performances. Contact the School Office for any tickets.

9.30 pm Thursday 14th December

1.30 pm Thursday 14th December

10.00 am Tuesday 19th December

2.00 pm Tuesday 19th December

Years 4, 5 and 6

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Foundation Stage Concert (Reception and Nursery)

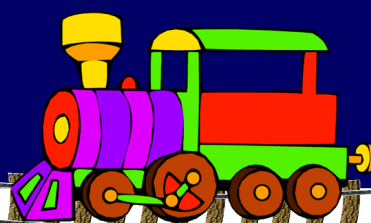
Foundation Stage Concert (Reception and Nursery)

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
welfare of children you can contact Social Care Direct on 0345 850 3503

Attendance Tracking



Hendal Primary School
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Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	93.3%
Penguin (6B)	97%
Orca (5A)	91.7%
Falcon (5B)	90.3%
Zebra (4A)	98.9%
Koala (4B)	95.7%
Elephant (3A)	95.5%
Giraffe (3B)	94.0%
Toucan (2A)	93.8%
Flamingo (2B)	99%
Tiger (1A)	98.3%
Panda (1B)	97.3%
Lions 1 (UF1)	96.5%
Lions 2 (UF2)	93.2%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 4th December 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

2A	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

33 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
8th December 2023

95% (Target 96%)

Year So Far

94.5%

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)	Indie	Toucan (2A)	Toby
Penguin (6B)	Cole	Flamingo (2B)	Ebony
Zebra (5A)	Ruby	Tiger (1A)	Lana
Falcon (5B)	Mirabel	Panda (1B)	Joe
Rhinoceros (4A)	Lilah	Lions (UF1)	Luca
Koala (4B)	Luke	Lions (UF2)	Alfie
Orca (3A)	Bella	Lion Cubs	Ellie
Giraffe (3B)	Archie	Lion Cubs	Jeanelle