

Wednesday 20th December 2023

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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"I sang in my Christmas play Born In A Barn"
Nellie - UF1



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 21st Dec	EYFS Party 10-2 and Year 5&6 Party
Fri 22nd Dec	Inset Day School Closed
Thurs 21st Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 22nd Dec	Inset Day School Closed and Reopens Mon 8th Jan
Mon 29th Jan	Inset Day School Closed

School Closes on Thursday 21st December 2023

School opens on Monday 8th January 2024



SAFEGUARDING - PARKING

Please do not park across the main School Gates. The area immediately outside is a pavement and must not be parked on. Vehicles must not leave the main road. Thank you

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](#)



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAYS



Children can wear Christmas Jumpers or non uniform on the last day of school on Thursday 21st December 2023.



LEGO CLUB & HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

This will be held at the Sunbeam Family Hub on the 4th of January 10-12am and 1-3pm. Please call 01924 302333 to book your place.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Callaghan in Class 2B who Graduated last week from Leeds Trinity University. Congratulations on gaining your QTS (Qualified Teacher Status).



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Our EYFS concert of 'Born In A Barn' was wonderful and the children enjoyed singing and performing for their grown ups. Years 4, 5 & 6 performances of 'Bah Humbug!' was fantastic, the children enjoyed singing together. Some parents even claimed it was the best one ever! They are a credit to yourselves and our School. Thank you to all staff for their hard work during the festive period.



BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful Kitchen Staff who work hard all year round. We had a delicious Christmas dinner last Friday and Teachers enjoyed sitting with their classes in the hall.

Christmas Parties

Thurs 21st December - EYFS and Years 5 & 6

Children can come in their party clothes and appropriate footwear, Foundation Stage and KS1 children will also get to meet our very special visitor!



We have 120 children with 100% attendance this term. This is a magnificent achievement and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them and thank their parents for their continued support.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Some of our Christmas parties have taken place this week and our children are enjoying getting into the Christmas Spirit with party games, music and dancing.

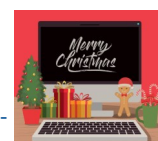


SAFEGUARDING - KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE OVER CHRISTMAS

Buying your child a new device for Christmas? Tips for staying safe

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.

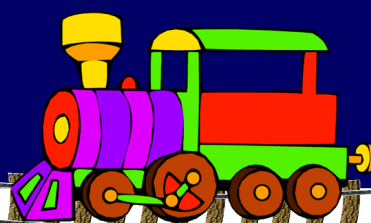


Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs K Ashton (Headteacher), Mr D Benson (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs R Knowles (Assistant Head Teacher, SENCO & Early Years Foundation Leader), Mrs R Betham Teacher, Miss A Walsh Learning Mentor Safeguarding Governor, Mrs A Spiers (Chair of Governors - aspiers@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk) 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)	88%
Penguin (6B)	93.5%
Orca (5A)	94.3%
Falcon (5B)	96.3%
Zebra (4A)	98%
Koala (4B)	99.3%
Elephant (3A)	94.5%
Giraffe (3B)	94%
Toucan (2A)	95%
Flamingo (2B)	96.2%
Tiger (1A)	89.3%
Panda (1B)	95.7%
Lions 1 (UF1)	98.3%
Lions 2 (UF2)	95.5%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 11th 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

4A	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

29 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
15th December 2023
94.8% (Target 100%)
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)	Edward	Toucan (2A)	Whole Class
Penguin (6B)	Jaidel	Flamingo (2B)	Jackson
Zebra (5A)	Ameli	Tiger (1A)	Eva
Falcon (5B)	Freya	Panda (1B)	Joe
Rhinoceros (4A)	Evelyn	Lions (UF1)	Willow
Koala (4B)	Jacob	Lions (UF2)	Layton
Orca (3A)	Harper	Lion Cubs	Phoebe
Giraffe (3B)	Harrison	Lion Cubs	Colton