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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been learning about Space, an Alien crash landed into our classroom".
Imogen - UF1



HAPPY NEW YEAR! - Welcome back to the Spring Term 2024. We hope you had a relaxing holiday.

A Big Thank You

Thank you to a Local Business who donated Christmas food to our School Community.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 12th Jan	Flue Mop Up Day
Mon 15th Jan	Year 3 Castleford Museum
Wed 17th—Fri 19th Jan	Year 6 Robinwood Residential
Mon 29th Jan	Inset Day School Closed
Mon 5th Feb	Safer Internet Week
Tues 6th Feb	Year 6 Parents Evening
Thurs 8th Feb	Year 6 Parents Evening
Fri 9th Feb	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 19th Feb	School Reopens
Mon 26th Feb	Chicks arriving in EYFS
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 11th Mar	Science Week
Tues 12th Mar	Parents Evening EYFS - Year 5
Thurs 14th Mar	Parents Evening EYFS - Year 5
Fri 15th Mar	Comic Relief
Mon 18th Mar	Scholastic Book Fair
Fri 22nd Mar	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 8th April	School Reopens

SCHOOL TOPIC OVERVIEWS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Our new topics for Spring term are:

EYFS	<i>What Makes Me Unique?</i>	Year 4	<i>Are all settlements the Same?</i>
Reception	<i>What is it like in Space?</i>	Year 5	<i>What was it like to be a child in Victorian Britain?</i>
Year 1	<i>What is it like to live in Shanghai?</i>	Year 6	<i>Is the Arctic uninhabitable?</i>
Year 2	<i>Why is the Wakefield Art Gallery Called the Hepworth?</i>		
Year 3	<i>What made Rome so powerful?</i>		

Year 6 Parent Evenings - Year 6 Parent Evenings will take place on Tuesday 6th February and Thursday 8th February. Please book an appointment via ParentMail from Monday. It is crucial for parents to attend this meeting as teachers will talk to you about your child's progress, targets and the upcoming SAT's tests that your child will take w/c Monday 13th May. You will be given some free resources at this meeting to support your child with their revision and home learning. Please DO NOT book any appointments or term time holidays during this week. Thank you

LOST PROPERTY - Please can we ask that all children's clothing, including coats, has your child's name in as we have a large amount of lost property throughout school. Please speak to your child's class Teacher if your child is missing a coat. On Thursday and Friday at home time, we will be displaying the coats on a table, in the garden area outside Year 4, please come and look.

OUTDOOR PE LESSONS - Your child will continue to have one lesson of PE outdoor each week - weather permitting. Please send children with a warm PE kit, this should be a navy tracksuit, and white t-shirt. Due to the cold weather a hat and gloves can be worn. Our policy states that only a pair of stud earrings can be worn at School. On your child's PE day these must be taken out and left at home or taped up at home. Thank you.

LOST FOOTBALLS - Please can any neighbours return School footballs if they are accidentally kicked over our perimeter fences. We have lost 4 footballs during the last half term and these are expensive for School to replace.



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

We are pleased to announce the following teams have qualified for the West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals. Year 3 girls and boys team, Year 4 girls team, Year 5 Lily, Mirabel, Favour, Kamran, and Dennen, Year 6 girls and boys. Mr Swift and I would like to congratulate and thank all of the children that took part.



MEDICAL REMINDER - LUNCHBOXES

Can we remind parents that NO EGGS (e.g. Egg Mayonnaise, quiche etc), NUTS or nut products are allowed in school as we have children with severe allergies.



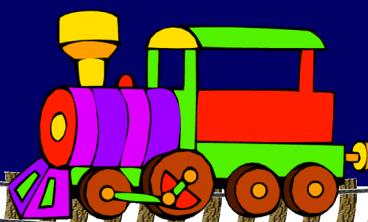
INSET DAY - Monday 29th January is an Inset day for all children. School will not be open on Monday 29th January 2024 due to staff training.

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



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Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	94.2%
Penguin (6B)	94.0%
Orca (5A)	95.1%
Falcon (5B)	92.1%
Zebra (4A)	94.2%
Koala (4B)	95.4%
Elephant (3A)	94.0%
Giraffe (3B)	90.8%
Toucan (2A)	90.6%
Flamingo (2B)	95.2%
Tiger (1A)	92.7%
Panda (1B)	91.8%
Lions 1 (UF1)	91.9%
Lions 2 (UF2)	82.4%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 18th 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

2B	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

21 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

Attendance as at
21st December 2023
92.2% (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)	Max G	Toucan (2A)	Whole Class
Penguin (6B)	Whole Class	Flamingo (2B)	Jackson
Orca (5A)	Whole Class	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Falcon (5B)	Whole Class	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Zebra (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Whole Class
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Whole Class
Elephant (3A)	Harper	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Harrison	Lion Cubs	Whole Class