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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been reading The Magic Paintbrush and writing sentences about what we would paint if we had a brush that was magic".

Lana - 1A



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Mon 26th Feb	Scholastic Book Fair
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
Fri 22nd Mar	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 8th April	School Reopens

WHAT IS NATIONAL STORYTELLING

In 2024, National Storytelling Week will take place from 27th January to 4th February.

This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy. They help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.



NEW GOVERNORS

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body. If you would like to apply please fill in a declaration of interest form from the School Office. We are looking for people from local businesses or with a background in Education or a parent who can support the School and bring their own skills and knowledge to the role.

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.

SAFEGUARDING

We would like to promote some free training delivered by the NSPCC. This is a workshop for parents and carers called Game Safe Festival, focusing on safeguarding your child when they are gaming online. https://ww1.emma-live.com/GameSafe/purchase_tickets

YEAR 6 - SATS WEEK MONDAY 13TH - 17TH MAY 2024

As you know term time holidays are not authorised. Please do not book any holidays or appointments during SAT's week Monday 13th - 17th May 2024.

EARINGS - 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.

ATTENDANCE - Just to remind you that if your child is absent, could you please leave a phone message or speak to a member of the office staff. We will contact you that morning if your child is absent, as we are required to follow "First Day Response" procedures. The Educational Welfare Officer will follow up repeated or unexplained absences.

BREAKFAST CLUB - Our Breakfast Club is full on some days. Please do not send your child if they are not booked on the system through ParentMail, as it is crucial we have the correct staffing ratios. Likewise if your child is unable to attend, or you need to cancel your child's place, please log onto ParentMail or contact the School Office on 01924 259465.

READING AT HOME - Please can parents and carers support your child to read at home throughout the week. This can be 5 or 10 minutes each day, as School recognise the impact of children who read at home. Some children enjoy reading before School, whilst other families find this easier to fit in after School. Travelling on the bus or in the car is another good opportunity to listen to your child read.



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL - Some of our Year 6 children went to the Activity Centre at Maesy-n-Nant, Wrexham. They had a fantastic time and it was a great confidence builder for all of them. Activities include: Zip Wire, Giant Swing, Caving, Climbing and many more. The children came home happy and exhausted.



YEAR 4 GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK - On Monday Year 4 went for a walk around the local area as part of their Geography field work. They were looking at physical and human features of the local area.

PUNCTUALITY

Did you know if your child arrives late:-

- they will miss instructions for the first lesson.
- they can cause disruption to the whole class.
- they can feel embarrassed and upset walking into class late.



IF A CHILD ARRIVES 15 MINUTES LATE AT SCHOOL EACH DAY, THEY LOSE ALMOST 2 WEEKS OF LEARNING A YEAR.

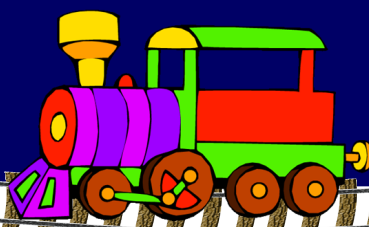
The School's Education Welfare Officer inspects our registers every month and if your child is late on more than 10 occasions you could receive a penalty notice issued by the Education Welfare Service.

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)	90.7%
Penguin (6B)	96.4%
Orca (5A)	92%
Falcon (5B)	94.4%
Zebra (4A)	90.3%
Koala (4B)	88.3%
Elephant (3A)	96.5%
Giraffe (3B)	97.6%
Toucan (2A)	91.7%
Flamingo (2B)	94.3%
Tiger (1A)	96%
Panda (1B)	94.8%
Lions 1 (UF1)	83%
Lions 2 (UF2)	88.6%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 15th January 2024.

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.
1B	Termly reward of a golden hour on last day of term.
6B	Whole School yearly reward of a visit by the Ice Cream van.

LATE ARRIVALS

24 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
19th January 2024
92.7% (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)	Whole Class	Toucan (2A)	Harlie
Penguin (6B)	Whole Class	Flamingo (2B)	Koby
Orca (5A)	Jessica	Tiger (1A)	Adaline
Falcon (5B)	Neidas	Panda (1B)	Maddison
Zebra (4A)	Lily	Lions (UF1)	Imogen
Koala (4B)	Hatib	Lions (UF2)	Ebony
Elephant (3A)	Tyson	Lion Cubs	Lyla
Giraffe (3B)	Harrison	Lion Cubs	Maeve