

Wednesday 10th April 2024

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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"Our new School Dinners are delicious"
Matthew – 5A



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 10-12th Apr	Scarborough Residential
Thurs 11th Apr	Y5 Coal Mining Museum
Thurs 18th Apr	Y3 Royal Armouries
Tues 23rd Apr	St George's Day
Mon 29th Apr	Class Photos
Thurs 2nd May	Election Day - Nursery Closed
Mon 6th May	May Day School Closed
Tues 7th May	School Open
Mon 13-17th May	Y6 SAT's Week
Fri 24th May	EYFS Garden Party
Half Term	
Fri 24th May	School Closes 3.15 pm
Mon 3rd Jun	School Closed - Inset Day
Tues 4th Jun	School Re-opens
Mon 10-14th Jun	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
Mon 17-21st Jun	Sports Week
Thurs 27th Jun	Governor Review Day
Wed 3rd Jul	School Fair
Thurs 4th Jul	Class Change over day
Fri 19th Jul	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Mon 22nd Jul	Last Day of Term School Closes

EID

We hope all our families have a lovely Eid.



Summer Term

Welcome back to the Summer Term. This half term your child's unit of work will be:

Nursery	How does Jasper's garden grow?
EYFS	How can I help planet Earth?
Year 1	What is the weather like in the UK?
Year 2	How has life changed since the Great Fire of London?
Year 3	Why did the Anglo-Saxons invade and what made them stay?
Year 4	What are rivers and how are they used?
Year 5	What was The Space Race and who won?
Year 6	Where is Egypt and what are its geographical features?



May Day



MAY DAY – On Monday 6th May school is closed.
School opens on Tuesday 7th May as usual.

Scarborough Residential - Wednesday 10th April to Friday 12th April

Year 4 children are going on the Scarborough Residential visit. They will be staying near Scarborough for two nights and will visit the Sea Life Centre, Birds of Prey Workshop and going to the beach to build sandcastles and play games. The coach will arrive back at school on Friday around lunchtime when you can collect your child to take home for a well-earned rest.



70 Day Attendance Challenge

In order to boost our attendance, we are setting a 70 Day Attendance Challenge which will take us up to the Summer Holidays. All children will be given the chance to achieve this, by attending School every day until the Summer Holidays. Our current attendance is 92.47%, which is the lowest in many years and we are asking for your help to improve this. As a School we are judged on our attendance levels and held to account. All children who achieve this will have a party in the quad at the end of term in July.

Year 1 Visit to Cannon Hall Farm

As part of their learning about 'How farms have changed over time', Year 1 went to Cannon Hall Farm on Friday 22nd March. The children had a fantastic time talking to Farmer Dave and Rob and found out lots of interesting facts about farming and animal groups. The children were exceptionally well behaved.



RETIREMENT

We would like to wish Mrs Stelmach a long and happy retirement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and dedication over the last 15 years.

CLASS PHOTOS The school photographer will be in school on Monday 29th April to take class photos. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform including their tie, so that the class photographs look smart. Thank you for your co-operation.



CH&Co - NEW SCHOOL DINNERS

Our new School dinner company CH&Co went live on Monday. The chefs delivered an assembly to introduce the new menus with a wider variety of recipes. They spoke about the importance of healthy eating and told us they cooked for the late Queen and for Kings Charles III. We hope that children will try the many different options that are available as we know that it is important, to know how to make healthy choices. The children made the following comments:

"I liked the jacket potato and the watermelon", "It's awesome", "I'm excited to try the rainbow salad", "The new school meals are really good especially the yoghurts", "10 out of 10 for the new school meals", "The new school meals are really good", "I love the watermelon", "The food is glorious", "The pizza was amazing, so much better", "The chicken carbonara was so good", "the vegetarian lasagna was the best I've ever tasted".

Please bear with us with the ordering system as we could only launch this on Monday. As we are now in the Summer Term, from Monday 15th April your child will be able to order a sandwich Monday - Thursday each week.



Nursery Closure Election Day - Thursday 2nd May 2024

School will remain open on Thursday 2nd May, voting will take place in our Nursery classroom accessed by the separate Nursery Entrance. All children are to attend school on this day except **Nursery children**.

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)	88.3%
Penguin (6B)	95.6%
Zebra (5A)	91.3%
Falcon (5B)	93.7%
Rhinoceros (4A)	95.2%
Koala (4B)	93.9%
Orca (3A)	93.3%
Giraffe (3B)	90.7%
Toucan (2A)	91.8%
Flamingo (2B)	93.3%
Tiger (1A)	95.4%
Panda (1B)	95.8%
Lions 1 (UF1)	88.7%
Lions 2 (UF2)	85.0%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 18th March 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

5B	Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term.
6B	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

4 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
22nd March 2024
92.47% (Target 100%)
Year So Far
94.22%

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)	Whole Class
Penguin (6B)	Addison	Flamingo (2B)	Whole Class
Zebra (5A)	Whole Class	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Falcon (5B)	Ryan	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Tommy
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Whole Class
Orca (3A)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Whole Class