

Wednesday 17th April 2024

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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been learning in French about numbers and animals".
Freya – 5B



May Day



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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER AND GOVERNING BODY SAFEGUARDING/PLAYGROUND EXPECTATIONS

May we politely remind you of our expectations when parents/carers are dropping off and collecting children from School. Please make sure you conduct yourself in an appropriate manner. This includes not swearing or shouting or having conversations that are not appropriate for children to hear. Other prohibited behaviours are smoking which also includes vaping, the use of mobile phones and bringing dogs onto the School premises. This is to ensure that Hendal Primary School is a safe and caring environment for all children, parents/carers, staff/governors and visitors.

Word Art Day - On Monday we celebrated World Art Day as a whole School. Our assembly was 'What does Art mean to you?' and featured Banksy's new creation. Children came to the front and showed their sketch books and finished pieces of Art. We are proud of our Art Curriculum and would like to thank Miss Chapman who leads Art and Design across the School and also for the Wakefield Local Authority.



St George's Day Tuesday 23rd April 2024 - If your child is a member of a uniformed group they can attend in their uniform including Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Girls & Boys Brigade for St George's Day.

Year 5 Visit to The National Coal Mining Museum - Year 5 visited the National Coal Mining Museum last week as part of their learning about "where does our energy come from?". The children were very brave and travelled 140 meters underground to experience what life was like as a Victorian and a modern day miner. The children also took part in an interactive workshop where 'Sally' told them all about what it was like to work down a Victorian mine when she was a 5 year old girl. The children really enjoyed meeting the retired pit ponies at the end of the day. The children had a wonderful experience and learnt a lot about how important coal was and how it was mined.

Scarborough Residential - Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th April 2024

Some of our Year 4 children had a wonderful time in Scarborough and were extremely well behaved. They had fun filled days building sandcastles on the beach, visiting the Sealife Centre and having a visit from a local bird of prey sanctuary. They came home absolutely shattered after a wonderful time.

Well done to those children who remained in school, they worked hard and enjoyed extra creative activities, outdoor learning and music.



School Dinners School dinners have been subsidised by school in order to increase the uptake of School dinners. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal FREE School Meals. Our new catering company CH&Co offer a nutritious and delicious hot meal or sandwich option and this would save you the cost of a packed lunch every day. We would like to encourage all children from Reception to Year 2 to take up their FREE School Meal.

70 Day Attendance Challenge and Party - 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 94.17%, 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.



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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



PRELOVED CLOTHING SALE

Saturday 20th April 2024

10 until 2

Market Street, Wakefield

Registered Charity Number: 1076401

IT'S A GIRL
Congratulations to Miss Cartwright - Class 1B who had a beautiful baby girl, Matilda weighing 8lb 15 oz. We can't wait to meet her.



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)	91.0%
Penguin (6B)	96.4%
Zebra (5A)	91.1%
Falcon (5B)	97.1%
Rhinoceros (4A)	93.8%
Koala (4B)	96.6%
Orca (3A)	93.5%
Giraffe (3B)	92.1%
Toucan (2A)	93.6%
Flamingo (2B)	87.6%
Tiger (1A)	93.8%
Panda (1B)	93.1%
Lions 1 (UF1)	92.3%
Lions 2 (UF2)	92.4%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 8th April 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.
5B	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

6 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
12th April 2024
93.54% (Target 100%)
Year So Far
94.17%

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)	Rafael	Toucan (2A)	Naomi
Penguin (6B)	Dylan	Flamingo (2B)	Caleb
Zebra (5A)	Klay	Tiger (1A)	Alby-Joe
Falcon (5B)	Abigail	Panda (1B)	George
Rhinoceros (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Malachi
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Layton
Orca (3A)	Isaac	Lion Cubs	Fern
Giraffe (3B)	Agnes	Lion Cubs	Shahira