

Wednesday 24th April 2024

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# Newsletter

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## CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been multiplying and dividing decimal numbers in Maths".  
Mason – 6A



## May Day



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

**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

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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              |
| <b>Half Term</b> |                                |
| 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 |

## WORLD EARTH DAY

This week in School we are celebrating World Earth Day. Earth Day is an annual event on April 22nd to demonstrate support for environmental protection. In School all children will be going out into the School environment to litter pick. The theme this year is 'Planet vs Plastics' and children were inspired by the quote "I have learned you are never too small to make a difference" - Greta Thunberg Environmental Activist.



**New Hall Flooring** - We are delighted to inform you of our latest improvement to our premises. Over the holidays we have had both of our School halls fitted with new flooring. This has improved the aesthetics in the hall and children tell us it is amazing and makes the halls look much bigger.

**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.



**Music Lessons** – We are looking to provide the opportunity for you to pay for your child to have a weekly music lesson. If you are interested in your child learning how to play the guitar, piano/keyboard, drums or have singing lessons, please ring the School office to register your child's name. The cost of the lessons will be as £10 per lesson for a 30 minute lesson each week.



## St George's Day - 23rd April 2024

Yesterday we celebrated St George's Day with an assembly and some children came to School in their uniforms to show they belong to a uniformed group.



**Tag Rugby Tournament** - On Friday our Tag Rugby Team played in a tournament at Castleford. The children played really well and came third out of lots of Schools. They showed great skill and teamwork and showed resilience. We are very proud of the children who represented Hendal Primary School.

**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 94.19%, 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.



**LIBRARY BOOKS** - We have over 100 School library books that are overdue by more than 30 days. Please return all overdue library books by the end of the week. If you have any queries please speak to your child's class teacher. Overdue letters will be sent out this half term.



## Year 3 Visit To the Royal Armouries—Leeds

Year 3 classes visited The Royal Armouries Museum as part of their learning about "Why Anglo Saxons invaded Britain and what made them stay?". The children took part in workshops and were allowed to look around the museum. The children were very excited about this experience and enjoyed the day.

## Summer Fair Mega Raffle

If you know of anyone who works for a local business who would like to kindly donate a prize, no matter how small, to our Mega Raffle, please contact the School Office. All donations of prizes will be greatly appreciated and help raise funds for School.

## 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](mailto: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)      | 94.7%             |
| Penguin (6B)    | 94.6%             |
| Zebra (5A)      | 94.3%             |
| Falcon (5B)     | 98.9%             |
| Rhinoceros (4A) | 95.8%             |
| Koala (4B)      | 94.8%             |
| Orca (3A)       | 100%              |
| Giraffe (3B)    | 91.4%             |
| Toucan (2A)     | 92.7%             |
| Flamingo (2B)   | 82.9%             |
| Tiger (1A)      | 96.2%             |
| Panda (1B)      | 94.5%             |
| Lions 1 (UF1)   | 93.6%             |
| Lions 2 (UF2)   | 96.2%             |

## 100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs Freer and Miss Godfrey's Class 3A, who can come in non-uniform on Friday 26th April for achieving 100% attendance last week.

### 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

|           |                                                               |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>5B</b> | Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term. |
| <b>5B</b> | Termly reward of a golden hour on last day of term.           |
| <b>6B</b> | Whole School yearly reward of a visit by the Ice Cream van.   |

### LATE ARRIVALS

**12** 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

|                  |                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Below 90%</b> | Unacceptable persistent absence - serious cause for concern. |
| <b>90-94.99%</b> | Cause for concern - less chance of progression               |
| <b>95-97.99%</b> | Satisfactory - room for improvement                          |
| <b>98-99.99%</b> | Good                                                         |
| <b>100%</b>      | Excellent                                                    |

Attendance as at  
19th April 2024  
**94.58%** (Target 100%)  
Year So Far  
**94.19%**

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)      | Varya            | Toucan (2A)   | Adrion           |
| Penguin (6B)    | Ruby             | Flamingo (2B) | Kaelan           |
| Zebra (5A)      | Ameli            | Tiger (1A)    | Karo             |
| Falcon (5B)     | Matthew          | Panda (1B)    | Lena             |
| Rhinoceros (4A) | Jack             | Lions (UF1)   | Mustafa          |
| Koala (4B)      | Lilly            | Lions (UF2)   | Eva              |
| Orca (3A)       | Ella             | Lion Cubs     | Lunah            |
| Giraffe (3B)    | Oliver-James     | Lion Cubs     | Isla             |
|                 |                  |               |                  |