

Wednesday 4th December 2024

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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"In English we are reading 'The Brockenspectre' who is a mountaineer", This is linked to our learning about the Alps.

Lily & Joey – 5A



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 5th Dec	Christmas Fair
Fri 6th Dec	SEND Parent Drop In
Fri 6th Dec	Snow White Pantomime in School
Tues 10th Dec	Years 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Concert
Thurs 12th Dec	Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert
Fri 13th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and EYFS Christmas Songs
Tues 17th Dec	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Wed 18th Dec	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Thurs 19th Dec	EYFS Party 10am & 2pm
Friday 20th Dec	Years 5 & 6 Party
Friday 20th Dec	END OF TERM School Closes Friday 20th and Reopens on Mon 6th Jan 2025

SAFEGUARDING Raising a family can have its difficulties and challenges, but just know that when you need support, there are people and places on hand who can talk to you to find the help you need. Please follow the link to the Castle Family Hub [Castle What's On Guide \(print\) v2](#)

CHRISTMAS FAIR - THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER AT 3.00PM

You can collect your child from their Classroom door at 3.00 pm on Thursday to take them to the Christmas Fair. Entrance to the Fair is by the blue hall door on the KS1 playground. We are still accepting donations of toys, books, toiletries, chocolate, teddies and gifts. We thank you for your support.



SANTA'S GROTTO

Father Christmas will be visiting us again, so children can come and tell him what they would like for Christmas. He will be in his Grotto outside Classroom 1B. The queue will be starting in 1B past the School Office.

CAKE STALL

Don't forget to get baking for our very popular Cake stall, this always does very well.



Choir In The Community - Our School Choir were invited to sing at Asda yesterday. The children were role models for the School and their singing was amazing. Thank you to all the parents/grandparent who came along to show their support.



Advent - We have two "Little People, Big Dreams" book collection Advent Calendars circulating round School. Each day a different class will get to open the advent door and read about an inspirational leader around the world. EYFS have their own chocolate advent calendar.



CHRISTMAS DINNER 13th December 2024

We are having our Christmas Dinner on Friday 13th December. Please remember to go on and book this in the normal way.
Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings,
Squash, Spinach & Cream Cheese Filo Bake
Festive Chocolate & Ginger Cupcake or Chocolate Pinwheel & Vanilla Ice Cream

Reception Visit to Wakefield One - Our Reception children visited Wakefield One Library and had stories read by the Librarian. The children enjoyed listening to the Three Billy Goats Gruff by Peter Asbjornsen, Supertato by Sue Hendra & Paul Linnett and Little Robin Red Vest by Jan Fearnley. They were very excited on their return to School and could not wait to tell us all about their experience.

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



Children With Special Educational Needs

We are holding a parents drop in on Friday 6th December in our Nurture Room. Please come along if you would like help, support or advice or you would simply like to talk to other parents. The drop in will start at 9am and there will be an opportunity to have a cup of tea or coffee and maybe make new friends.

Our Christmas concerts are taking place in December. A letter will be sent out this week with a return slip for your tickets, please return this to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Due to Health & Safety we can only allocate 2 tickets per child.

9.30 am Tuesday 10th December
1.30 pm Tuesday 10th December
9.30 am Thursday 12th December
1.30 pm Thursday 12th December
10.00 am Friday 13th December
2.00 pm Friday 13th December

Years 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Concert
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Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Service
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Foundation Stage Concert (Reception and Nursery) Christmas Singing
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ASDA CASHPOT INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOLS - We would like to thank all of you for supporting the Asda Cashpot. Together we have raised £1,245.17 which is an amazing amount of money, for us to spend on the children at Hendal Primary School. We will let you know what we will be purchasing, to support teaching and learning across School.

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 - aspier@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk) If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children you can contact Social Care Direct on 0345 850 3503

Attainment is Linked to Attendance

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Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	96.2%
Penguin (6B)	92.6%
Zebra (5A)	88.8%
Otters (5B)	94.4%
Rhinoceros (4A)	100%
Koala (4B)	97.1%
Orca (3A)	96.4%
Giraffe (3B)	97.9%
Toucan (2A)	95.1%
Flamingo (2B)	94.2%
Tiger (1A)	96.7%
Panda (1B)	93.8%
Lions 1 (UF1)	93.3%
Lions 2 (UF2)	97.4%

Attendance as at
29th November 2024
95.2% (Target 100%)
Year So Far
95%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Dunn's Class 4A.
Children can come in non uniform on Friday 6th December 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.

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.

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.

ATTENDANCE CLASS LEADERS

3B	Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term.
3B	Termly reward of a golden hour on last day of term.
3B	Whole School yearly reward of a visit by the Ice Cream van.

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

Achiever of the Week

FlorenceClass	Star of the Week	Class	Star of the Week
Llama (6A)	Ava-Leigh	Toucan (2A)	Cora
Penguin (6B)	Abdullah	Flamingo (2B)	Zainab
Zebra (5A)	Paris	Tiger (1A)	Danil
Otters (5B)	Alex	Panda (1B)	Louis
Rhinoceros (4A)	Yasmin	Lions (UF1)	Alfie
Koala (4B)	Amy	Lions (UF2)	Zayn
Orca (3A)	Aubree	Lion Cubs	Eliyanah
Giraffe (3B)	Iyla-Grace	Lion Cubs	Amelia