

Wednesday 12th December 2024

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# Newsletter

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## CHILDREN'S VOICE

*"In Geography we have been learning about the Alps and Austria"*

Jack Madden - 5B



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|                 |                                                                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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<br>Reindeer Dash                             |
| Thurs 19th Dec  | EYFS Party 10am & 2pm                                                    |
| Friday 20th Dec | Years 5 & 6 Party                                                        |
| Friday 20th Dec | END OF TERM<br>School Closes Friday 20th and Reopens on Mon 6th Jan 2025 |

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAYS

Children can wear Christmas Jumpers on Friday 13th December, Wednesday 18th and on the last day of school on Friday 20th December.

## 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

## SAFEGUARDING - USEFUL WEBSITES

We would like to share the following websites, as we appreciate some families may need some extra support throughout the festive period.

[Samaritans](#) - [Contact Us](#) | [Samaritans](#)  
Call anytime Free on Telephone: 116 123

**SAMARITANS**

Andys Man Club - [info@andysmanclub.co.uk](mailto:info@andysmanclub.co.uk)

[Family Hubs - Wakefield Families Together](#)



## Reindeer Dash for Wakefield Hospice

On Wednesday 18th December, all children will take part in the Reindeer Dash. We are asking for a £1.50 donation and all proceeds will go to Wakefield Hospice. The children will receive a free pair of antlers and children can wear non uniform and their Christmas jumpers on this day, to complete the dash. We look forward to sharing photographs of this event.



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair was a great success! Many thanks to all our staff for their hard work and also to all our parents/carers for your donations and support. We raised a grand total of £2,356.90 which is a fantastic amount in the present climate. We will let you know how we intend to spend this amazing amount of money.



## CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE AND 50/50 TICKETS

Many thanks for your support with our Raffles, the 50/50 prize money was £80.30 and was won by a parent of a child in Reception. Our coloured Christmas Hamper Raffle raised an amazing £235.00 the winners are:

Pink Hamper - Darcie 1A

Purple Hamper - Esme 5B

Red Hamper - Kaitlin 2B

Green Hamper - Ayla-Rose Nursery

## Christmas Parties

Tues 17th December - Years 3 & 4

Wed 18th December - Years 1 & 2

Thurs 19th December - EYFS

Fri 20th December - Years 5 & 6

Pre-packaged party food donations will be greatly appreciated. Children can come in their party clothes and appropriate footwear, Foundation Stage and KS1 children will also get to meet our very special visitor!



**Punctuality** - Please ensure that you collect your child on time at 3.15pm home time. We are having quite a few children that are being collected late on a regular basis.

## Tourette Syndrome

In the New Year we will be raising awareness of Tourette Syndrome. This is a condition which causes a person to make involuntary sounds and movements called Tics. For more information please access [www.nhs.uk>conditions>tourettes-syndrome](http://www.nhs.uk>conditions>tourettes-syndrome).

A very big well done to all our children in Years 1, 2 & 3 for their Christmas Performance. Children thoroughly enjoyed performing on the stage, the singing was impressive and the dancing was delightful!

Our other Christmas concerts are taking place on Thursday and Friday. Please contact the School Office for any tickets.

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 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Service

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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](mailto: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

**Belong  
Aspire  
Achieve**

| Class                                                                                                          |  | Weekly Attendance | <u>100% Class Attendance Non Uniform</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Llama (6A)                                                                                                     |  | 90.1%             | Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 2nd December 2024.                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                     |
| Penguin (6B)                                                                                                   |  | 94.8%             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |
| Zebra (5A)                                                                                                     |  | 92.3%             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |
| Otters (5B)                                                                                                    |  | 90.7%             | <b>ATTENDANCE</b><br><br>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.                                           |                                                                     |
| Rhinoceros (4A)                                                                                                |  | 96.9%             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |
| Koala (4B)                                                                                                     |  | 91.3%             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |
| Orca (3A)                                                                                                      |  | 90.0%             | <b>ATTENDANCE CLASS LEADERS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |
| Giraffe (3B)                                                                                                   |  | 93.0%             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |
| Toucan (2A)                                                                                                    |  | 95.0%             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |
| Flamingo (2B)                                                                                                  |  | 95.0%             | <b>3B</b><br><br>Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term.                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                     |
| Tiger (1A)                                                                                                     |  | 90.5%             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |
| Panda (1B)                                                                                                     |  | 92.0%             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |
| Lions 1 (UF1)                                                                                                  |  | 96.2%             | <b>3B</b><br><br>Termly reward of a golden hour on last day of term.                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                     |
| Lions 2 (UF2)                                                                                                  |  | 94.8%             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |
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| <div>Attendance as at<br/>2nd December 2024<br/><b>93.2%</b> (Target 96%)<br/>Year So Far<br/><b>95%</b></div> |  |                   | <b>3B</b><br><br>Whole School yearly reward of a visit by the Ice Cream van.                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                |  |                   | <b>EVERY DAY COUNTS!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                |  |                   | <b>ATTENDANCE INDICATORS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                |  |                   | <b>Below 90%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Unacceptable persistent absence - serious cause for concern.</b> |
|                                                                                                                |  |                   | <b>90-94.99%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Cause for concern - less chance of progression</b>               |
|                                                                                                                |  |                   | <b>95-97.99%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Satisfactory - room for improvement</b>                          |
|                                                                                                                |  |                   | <b>98-99.99%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Good</b>                                                         |
|                                                                                                                |  |                   | <b>100%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Excellent</b>                                                    |
|                                                                                                                |  |                   | <b>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.</b> |                                                                     |

## Achiever of the Week

| Class           | Star of the Week | Class         | Star of the Week |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Llama (6A)      | Lily H           | Toucan (2A)   | George           |
| Penguin (6B)    | Abdullah J       | Flamingo (2B) | Braxton          |
| Zebra (5A)      | Noah A           | Tiger (1A)    | David            |
| Otters (5B)     | George           | Panda (1B)    | Louis            |
| Rhinoceros (4A) | Matas            | Lions (UF1)   | Grace            |
| Koala (4B)      | Sereena          | Lions (UF2)   | Phoebe           |
| Orca (3A)       | Kobyn            | Lion Cubs     | Kai              |
| Giraffe (3B)    | Florence         | Lion Cubs     | Oonagh           |
|                 |                  |               |                  |