



Newsletter

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Class	Class Attendance
Panthers	92.4%
Penguins	95.7%
Dolphins	95.8%
Koalas	87.3%
Zebras	94.5%
Elephants	98%
Giraffes	98%
Toucans	89.7%
Puffins	94%
Tigers	94.6%
Pandas	92%

Whole School Attendance (w/e 15/12/17) 93.1%
Target = 96% or above

School Closes this Friday 22nd December at 3.30pm
Children can be collected from 2.00pm
School reopens on Monday 8th January 2018



CAROL CONCERT - Thursday 21st December 2.30 pm
Come and join us for our Carol Concert tomorrow at 2.30 pm.
We look forward to seeing you there.

OFSTED UPDATE

As you are aware our inspection took place on 21st and 22nd November 2017. The report is available now and a copy will be sent home with your child tomorrow.

It is of upmost importance to us that your child feels safe and happy at Hendal Primary School and the report reflects this. We are pleased the report acknowledges the recent improvements in behaviour and attitudes to learning as this is something we have worked hard on since January 2017. I ask that as you read the report you will take into account the significant changes since the last inspection in 2012 as we continue to drive improvements across school.

Thank you once again to all the staff who worked really hard as always and the children who did the school proud.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 96% - unfortunately up to 15th December we have only managed to achieve 94.8% which is very disappointing. We would like this to improve in the New Year.

Research shows that children's achievement is directly linked to their attendance; any absence can adversely affect attainment. As a parent you have a legal responsibility to ensure school attendance.

As a reminder the following (**when used on a regular basis**) are deemed unreasonable absences:

- Sickness/diarrhoea
- Tiredness/over slept
- Missed bus
- Head lice
- Mild coughs and colds/high temperature
- Headache/Toothache
- Problem in school (staffing/friendships/bullying etc)
- Minor injury (eg bumps and bruises)
- Stomach ache/Period pain
- Parent/carer illness or appointments
- Full days absence for half day medical appointment
- Birthdays
- Family celebration
- Death of pets

The School's Education Welfare Officer visits School regularly and a "persistent absence" is when a child's attendance is 90% or below and at this point will wish to make a visit or arrange a meeting.



There are currently 107 children with 100% attendance and we would like to congratulate them and thank their parents for this magnificent achievement. WELL DONE!

Useful Websites for the Christmas Period

Tips for autistic pupils at Christmas
http://www.autism.org.uk/christmas?mc_cid=a750381716&mc_eid=47fa98a057

NSPCC how to set parental controls
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-pupils-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Choosing the right console game for your child
<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/choosing-right-console-games-christmas>

Advice on keeping pupils safe online
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/keep-pupils-safe-online-this-christmas-top-tips>

**From all of the Staff at Hendal Primary,
have a Wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.
We look forward to seeing you all in January 2018 ready to learn!**