



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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Stars of the Week



Class 1 - Well done to everyone who has been busy with their home learning activities. Mrs Hulbert has loved seeing what you've all been up to!

Class 2 - Rhys for his independent approach to learning and his excellent answers during our discussion about the Great Fire of London.

Class 3 - Ridley for his very imaginative letter writing!

Class 4 – Olivia and Owen for their amazing partner work in English, using 'cut up' technique.

Mrs Hutchinson's Head Teacher award - Alice - for fantastic listening and behaviour in and around school and for encouraging her friends to make the right choices- well done!

Friends of Henshaw News!

Christmas Pencils & Christmas Wristbands!

To start the festive season, we have Christmas Pencils and Christmas Wristbands available for the children to purchase in school. They cost £1 each and will be available from the School Office from Monday 30th November.



'Guess how many sweets in the jar'

Also from Monday 30th November, there will be a 'Guess how many sweets in the jar' displayed in school for £1 per guess. A sheet of numbers will be next to the jar and children can select their guess and we will write their name next to it. Winners will be announced on Thursday 17th December.

Chocolate Hamper!

On Friday 4th December, there will be a Non uniform day in exchange for a chocolate donation for our famous chocolate hamper! Numbers for the hamper will be available from Monday 7th December onwards from Mrs Slater at the cost of £1 each. Children will be allocated numbers on a first come, first served basis e.g. the first child to bring in their £1 will be allocated number 1 etc....

Good luck everyone!

Attendance W/C 23.11.20

Reception

Year 1	99.0
Year 2	95.0
Year 3	90
Year 4	90.9
Year 5	100
Year 6	95.7

Overall 94.7%

Reminder

Please can we remind you that we are trying to reduce the amount of items that come into school each day. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit everyday via the 'Fruit for School' scheme.

Children need a water bottle, warm coat and can now bring a hat and gloves due to the change in the weather. Children do not need rucksacks or pencil cases.

Thank you

Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 30/11/20

(Please note: this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Roast Chicken, Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy OR Jacket Potato with Filling	Mince & Dumpling, Mash OR Baguette with Filling	Tomato Pasta Bake OR Quiche	Pork & Sage Pie, Wedges OR Tortilla Wrap & Salad	Salmon Fish Fingers, New Potatoes OR Pasta with Chicken & Sweetcorn Mayo
Carrots	Green Beans	Sweetcorn	Peas	Beans
Apple Crumble & Custard	Carrot Cake	Strawberry Cheesecake	Flapjack	Frozen Smoothie
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

Learning Achievements

Class 1 - This week in Reception we have been enjoying the story 'The Hundred Decker Bus'. We designed our own buses and wrote sentences to describe them. We collected natural objects from outside to make a mobile. We also created ramps covered in different materials and predicted which ramp would be the fastest. We have continued our learning about Hinduism and the festival of Diwali and have made our own diva lamps.

Class 2 – We have enjoyed finding out about the Great Fire of London. In Maths, Year 1 children have been looking at 3D shapes and finding everyday 3D objects; Year 2 children have been looking at money. We have also enjoyed sorting materials in Science and talking about their properties. In RE, we have started to find out about Advent.

Class 3 – This week we have been discovering more about surgery, both in the past and present day. The children have refined the information contained in their letter writing. We also had a surgeon and nurse answering the children's questions about their roles (via Zoom). A big 'Thank you' to Dr Afshar & Mrs Afshar for their help with this!

In Maths, we have continued our work on multiplication and division, focussing on 3, 4 & 9 times tables. In Science, we have looked at changing materials/states. We have painted some Christmas decorations for Co-op in the Community and we have also started our end of term quizzes.

Class 4 - Class 4 poets have been performing their nonet poems and working on creating their own work using the technique of 'cut up' writing. Working in pairs, the children created their own 'cut up' work, linking in to the Surrealism movement.

In Maths, Year 5 children have been using square numbers and cubed numbers. Year 6 children have been using practical resources linking to our fraction work. In forest school, we have been making keepsakes using natural materials.

Our Art Gallery is expanding as our Class 4 artists have been looking at the surrealist movement of mixing dreams and reality. We have been looking at the work of renowned Surrealist artists such as Max Ernst, Joan Miró and Salvador Dalí. Our artists have also produced another self-portrait in the style of Pablo Picasso.

Nurseries, schools and colleges should not change their Christmas holidays or close early this term. Parents should continue to send their children to school during term time and students should continue to attend college right up until the end of term – our senior clinicians continue to advise that the best place for children and young people is in education.

A time-limited change to social restrictions over Christmas does not require any children to be taken out of school prematurely. The leaders and staff of education settings have been doing an extraordinary job to remain open, keep settings safe and provide education.

Obviously there may be for some the need to close as directed by Public Health, the LA or the DfE; but unless this is the case the current guidance and clear direction from the DfE is to remain open up to the end of term.

Christingle Service

This year we are unable to have an audience for our Christingle Service due to the current COVID-19 restrictions. However, we would like to video the service and make it available to you to watch at home via our Google classroom platform.

However, this does throw up a few more challenges with regards to permission to take part. We are aware that some parents are uncomfortable with having their children videoed and we ask that parents should be respectful and must **not** share the video on any social media platform or with anyone other than direct family.

Safeguarding the children is our priority and it is everyone’s responsibility to keep the children safe. Therefore, with this in mind, please complete and return the form below giving specific permission for your child/ ren to be videoed during in the Christingle Service.

We will notify you when we have uploaded the service and the play to Google classroom. Please make sure that you can access Google classroom using the details shared by your child’s class teacher.

Any problems, please contact your child’s class teacher.

Please complete and return the slip below by Monday 30th November.

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Christingle Service



- I give permission for my child to take part in the Christingle Service led by Rev. Carter via ZOOM **YES/ NO**
- I give permission for my child to be video recorded **YES/NO**
- I give permission for the video recordings to be shared to Google Classroom **YES/NO**
- I understand that I must not share the video with anyone who is not direct family **YES/NO**
- I understand that I must not share the video on any social media platform **YES/NO**

Signed..... Date.....

Please complete and return the slip by Monday 30th November – thank you

Festive Fun!

This year will be very different for our children but, with the help of the Church and the Friends of Henshaw, we will be able to provide the children with lots of festive activities and we may even have a special visitor...!

Week 1

The children will be decorating a wooden Christmas decoration which will be displayed in the local railway station as part of 'Co-op in the Community' scheme.

Friday 4th December - Non School Uniform day (in exchange for a chocolate donation)

Week 2

The children will be creating angels, one to be displayed in their window at home for others to look out for and one to be displayed in church as part of the community display - more information from Rev. Carter to follow.

Thursday 10th December - Christmas Dinner day - Christmas hats can be worn if the children would like to.

Week 3

Tuesday 15th December - Christingle Service Zoom service

Thursday 17th December - Christmas Jumper day (£1 donation in aid of Save the Children)

'Chocolate Hamper' raffle draw and 'Christmas Sweets in the Jar' draw

Special visitor!

Friday 18th December - **Change to end of the school day**

Staff will be participating in an in house training session on Friday afternoon, which includes organising their classrooms and resources in preparation for the following term.

Children will need to be collected at the following times:

Siblings - 1pm

Reception - 1.10pm

Key Stage 1/ Taxi - 1.15pm

Key Stage 2 - 1.20pm

Thank you

Christmas Cards

Although we previously stated that we would not be doing Christmas cards this year, we realise that the sending and receiving of Christmas cards is very important to the children and we would like them to have some normality this year!

However, to comply with our risk assessment, the giving and receiving of Christmas cards will be a little different this year. **Children will be allowed to bring in Christmas cards to give to their friends, but they must only be for children in their class.**

The cards will be quarantined when they are brought into school, so please send them in a small sandwich bag or wrapped in an elastic band. **For hygiene reasons, please could you encourage the children not to lick the envelopes to seal them but just tuck them in.**

Teachers will hand them out on the last week of term.

The last 'postal' date for cards into school is **Thursday 10th December.**

Message from 'Tynedale Hospice at Home' – online event

Unfortunately there won't be any Christmas Beanies this year but you can still join in the FUN with our Christmas Tree Festival FUNdraiser!

Donate as much or as little as you can to support Tynedale Hospice at Home and help us to keep our services available to local people.

It's not all about trees; anything festive to bring a smile to our faces is most welcome

- Decorations - homemade decorations especially appreciated.
- Festive baking - from savoury to sweet, and include the recipes if you can
- Christmas Jumpers - we all love a Christmas Jumper!
- PETS in Jumpers - who doesn't dress up their pet at Christmas?
- Crafts - drawings, paintings, and creations you want to share PLUS anything else festive to bring a smile to our faces

<https://givepenny.com/appeal-for/Tynedale-Hospice-Christmas-2020>

Simply upload your image and make a donation. A receipt will be sent automatically to your email.

Thank you for supporting Tynedale Hospice at Home



Yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sarah Hutchinson'.

Mrs Sarah Hutchinson
Executive Head Teacher