



## ***Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter***

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### **Welcome back everyone!**

We have had a great first week back, re-establishing friendships, welcoming new pupils and showing kindness to one another. Today we have also seen such enthusiasm about reading and a range of amazing costumes and cosy pyjamas!

Staff have worked hard to ensure that the environments are as inspiring as ever and our focus has been to ensure that all children have been reassured and happy and feel as safe as possible. We enjoyed seeing them interact with each other, socialising, sharing experiences and just being together.

There has been a lot of talk in the press about 'Catch Up', we know that it is about recovery of the whole child, not just academically, but emotionally and socially, and that is our priority. Ensuring that all children are re-familiarised with routines, expectations and know that they are nurtured and supported in whichever way they need is very important to us as a staff team.

### **COVID-19 update**

We would encourage all families to let school know if any of you are showing any COVID symptoms.

The symptoms of Corona virus are:

- a new, continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child or any family member displays these symptoms, the current government guidance around testing and self-isolation must be followed. If a child presents these symptoms in school, they will be isolated from other pupils and we will ask for them to be collected. At this point a test should be booked/taken and we would ask for any results to be shared confidentially with the school. Pupils who are sent home due to potential symptoms will only be allowed to return to school once the test outcomes are received or the designated period of self-isolation are followed. Siblings of a child with symptoms will also need to be collected at this point.

Should a child test positive, we will follow Public Health England guidance. This may result in wider testing, a period of isolation or the school having to close bubbles for a period of time.



## Stars of the Week



**Class 1** - Heidi for fantastic progress with her reading!

**Class 2** – Alice for her expressive re-telling of the story ‘Awongalema’

**Class 3** – The whole of Class 3 for settling back in so well following lockdown.

**Class 4** – Olivia for being a great friend to everyone and trying her best in class.

**Head Teacher’s Award** – All of our children for demonstrating resilience, kindness and a great attitude towards their learning- well done everyone!

### Learning Achievements

**Class 1** - It has been so lovely to have everyone back together this week. We have been busy reading 'The Emperor's New Clothes' and creating puppets to use to act out the story. We have been looking again at 3D shapes and have been using mathematical language to describe them. We have found lots of 3D shapes in our environment. We have been building, printing and making patterns with them. In PE we have been practising throwing and catching with different balls. We have spent a considerable time creating something special for Sunday! A surprise for our mums!

**Class 2** – We have had a very busy week! In English, we have looked at an African story and acted it out. In Maths, Year 2 have been looking at lines of symmetry, and Year 1 have been using a ruler to measure objects. We also enjoyed our World Book Day activities!

**Class 3** – We have been studying two texts this week – ‘Holes’ by Louis Sachet and ‘The Whale Rider’. In Science, we have been looking at the differences between humans and other animals and food webs. In PSHE, we are thinking about staying healthy and in R.E we are learning about Easter.

**Class 4** - We have had a lovely first week back catching up and working together again. The children have been fabulous and have settled back in so well. Miss Keith and I are so proud of Class 4.

### Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds’s Menu w/c 15.3.21

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage, Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy OR Jacket Potato with Filling	Steak Pie, New Potatoes  OR Baguette with Filling	Cooked Ham, Wedges  OR Jacket Potato with Filling	Lasagne & Garlic Bread  OR Baguette & Filling	Cheezy Pizza, Wedges  OR Wrap with Filling
Green Beans	Broccoli	Beans	Sweetcorn	Peas
Shortcake Biscuit & Fruit Juice	Angel Delight	Marble Cake & Custard	Jelly & Fruit	Raspberry & White Chocolate Muffin & Milkshake
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

### Parent Governor Vacancy

As you will be aware, a vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor on our governing body.

The governing body is asking you to nominate someone (or indeed yourself) with parental responsibility for a child at Henshaw CE Primary School. If there is more than one nomination, a ballot will be held.

If you are interested in the role, please complete and return the Nomination Form attached to the school office (admin@henshawprimary.uk) no later than **Friday 19th March 2021**.

Thank you

### Food Bank Donations

We will be re-instating our Food Bank Collection Point again in School next week.

Any donations of non-perishable items, such as tins, packets or toiletries to donate, which the children can bring in, will be gratefully received. Items that are usually in short supply are tinned veg, tins of tuna, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, long life milk, jam, cooking sauces, breakfast cereal, toilet rolls, shampoo, soap and biscuits.

Any donations can be left in the Collection Box in the school entrance. Once these items have been quarantined for 72 hours, we will distribute your kind donations to Hexham food bank over the Easter break.

### Red Nose Day - 19.3.20



The children are welcome to come to school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March dressed in something red, for the suggested donation of £1, in aid of Comic Relief. Children are also encouraged to think of a joke to share with their class too!

### 'PE Kit days' reminder

Please could the children come to school in PE kit and trainers on the following days:-

**Reception - Monday and Friday**

**Years 1 and 2 - Monday**

**Years 3 and 4 - Monday and Friday**

**Years 5 and 6 - Tuesday**

### Attendance W/C 8.3.21

Reception	100
Year 1	100
Year 2	96.7
Year 3	100
Year 4	100
Year 5	92.0
Year 6	98.0
<b>Overall</b>	<b>97.9 %</b>

### Term dates

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - School closes for Easter break

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April - School Reopens

Yours



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