



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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Stars of the Week



Class 1 - Alissia for super improvement in her writing. Well done Alissia!

Class 2 - Harry for his excellent explanation about the Great Fire of London.

Class 3 - Lewis T for his fantastic storyboard. He took such care and added a lot of detail in his illustrations.

Class 4 – Micha for always being a great help in class!

Mrs Hutchinson's Head Teacher award - Elizabeth C for going above and beyond with extra-curricular activities and producing a winning story entry with the Vindolanda Charitable Trust! Well done!

Friends of Henshaw News!

Christmas Pencils & Christmas Wristbands!

The Christmas Pencils and Christmas Wristbands are selling fast!

They cost £1 each and are available from the School Office.



Friends of Henshaw news

'Guess how many Christmas sweets in the jar' displayed in the school entrance 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!

Just a reminder that numbers for our famous Chocolate 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....

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Good luck everyone!

Attendance W/C 30.11.20

Reception	100.0
Year 1	100.0
Year 2	100.0
Year 3	96.9
Year 4	90.9
Year 5	82.5
Year 6	100
Overall	95.2%

Learning Achievements

Class 1 - This week we have been looking at the story 'The Journey', which is a musical story about the journey of a boat. The children identified the instruments they could hear and have enjoyed playing the instruments. We then created our own journey for our boat along a big roll of paper and practised our writing. In Maths, we have been looking at what happens during the night and day and have sequenced pictures and talked about our school day. We listened to the story of Rama and Sita and discussed why Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights. The children made puppets and we created a shadow theatre. They put on shows of the story for each other.

Class 2 – In Class 2, Year 1 have continued their work on 2D and 3D shapes and have made shape patterns. Year 2 have compared amounts of money and made the same amount in different ways.



We have enjoyed our work on the Great Fire of London. Recreating Pudding Lane and having our own great fire! In English, we have made our own non-fiction booklets about the Great Fire of London.

Class 3 – This week, Class 3 have been learning about the playwright William Shakespeare. We have been studying Romeo and Juliet and have created a storyboard. We have also heard 'The Three Witches song' from Macbeth and acted it out. We then worked on creating our own rhyming couplets. In Maths, we have been doing some end of term quizzes. In forest schools, we tried to get the fire going to 'cook our pots', but it wasn't working - it was far too wet. It was a bit disappointing, but never mind - we have time yet! The children told a few stories around the circle instead. In Science, we have been continuing our work on liquids, solids and gases. The children in Year 4 have learnt about the water cycle and have started their own long term investigations into water evaporation. In Year 3, the children have been exploring materials and their properties and have started to make bags out of different materials to find out which material is the best for making a bag. All this, along with some preparation for Christmas....a very busy week!

Class 4 - This week, Class 4 have been working on their Surrealist descriptions or poems and performing them to the class. We have been developing our understanding of the artistic process and all that it entails!

In Maths, Year 5 have been using multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000; Year 6 have continued working with fractions. In Art we have been researching the life and times of Salvador Dalí....discovering how he began work as an artist, why he turned to Surrealism.

Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 7.12.20 *(Please note: this menu may be subject to change)*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	 Thursday 	Friday
Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread OR Baguette & Filling with Salad	Chicken Curry, Cous Cous, Naan Bread OR Jacket Potato with Filling	Mince Pie, New Potatoes OR Macaroni Cheese	Christmas Lunch! Roast Turkey, Chipolata, Mash & Gravy OR Tortilla Wrap & Salad	Chicken Goujons, Wedges, Beans OR Pasta with Tuna, Salad & Crusty Bread
Carrots & Peas	Sweetcorn	Peas	Broccoli	Beans
Fruit Meringue	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Oaty Biscuit & Fruit Juice	Xmas Muffin	Chocolate Brownie & Milkshake
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

Benefits of registering for Free School Meals (FSM)

Important! If you think you are eligible, please apply as soon as possible as you will also qualify for the Government FSM Supermarket Voucher Scheme, which will provide you with a weekly £15 supermarket voucher per child during the Christmas holidays...please see information below from Northumberland County Council

Although your child may be entitled to receive Universal Free School Meals through a government funded scheme, where all infant age pupils up to Year 2 are entitled to a hot school meal free of charge regardless of individual financial circumstances, it is still essential that if you are entitled to income related free school meals you apply as greater benefits will be received for your child, your child's school and yourself.

The approval of a Free School Meals application would entitle a child to:-

Free milk - in First, Primary or Special school milk at break-time will be free for the time the child is entitled to free school meals. The child's school will make the appropriate arrangements for the free milk.

Help with curriculum related residential trips or school visits - The child's school will make the appropriate arrangements for this service.

Help with music tuition and instruments - Parents can claim a refund of £3.00 per session from the costs when 7 of the 10 classes have been attended by the student. The child's school will make the appropriate arrangements for this service.

The above are not included in the Government's universal free meals to children up to Year 2. To access these benefits families must be in receipt of a qualifying benefit and must have an approved Free School Meal claim with Northumberland County Council.

The school will receive extra funding, which will benefit all children

If you are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with household income less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Child Tax Credit with NO Working Tax Credit (Income below £16,190)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit
- The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 supported by a letter from the Asylum team

PLEASE APPLY, TO BENEFIT YOU, YOUR CHILD, AND YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

For more Information contact the Free School Meals Team at Northumberland County Council

Apply Online on the Northumberland County Council Website

Telephone: 01670 623592

Email: FSM@northumberland.gov.uk

Santa Dash!

On Friday 11th December, the children will be taking part in the School Games National Santa Dash! They will be joining thousands of other young people across the Country who will all be taking part.

Children need to come to school on Friday 11th December wearing their PE kit or sportswear and trainers and are welcome to wear a Santa/ Elf hat too!

We will be taking photographs of the children taking part and adding them to our school website and sharing them on social media.

Please contact the School Office by Wednesday 9th December if you **DO NOT** want your child's photograph shared to the School Games social media sites or added to our website.

Thank you!

Advent Calendars

A huge 'thank you' to Rev Carter and All Hallow's and St Cuthbert's Churches for the extremely kind donation of meaningful advent calendars for family groups.

It is greatly appreciated!

Christmas Lunch – 10.12.20

If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school, but would like a school Christmas Lunch, please could you let Mrs Slater know (via email) by Monday 7th December.

The lunch costs £2.30 for children in Key Stage 2 but will be free for those in Reception and Key Stage 1 (as they qualify for Universal Free School Meals) and any child on Free School Meals.

Please do not send cash into school as payments will be collected via School Gateway. If you need to register with School Gateway please let Mrs Slater know and she will sent you the link.

Thank you

Yours



Mrs Sarah Hutchinson
Executive Head Teacher