



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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Stars of the Week



Class 1 - Reception Class!

Class 2 - Eleanor for her detailed writing about a night time image

Class 3 - All of Class 3 for settling back into school so well!

Class 4 - Class 4 for a great few days back at school! Well done!

Head Teacher's Award – To all our children for a fabulous start to the year, for taking everything in their stride and trying their best! Well done!

Learning Achievements

Class 1 – This week all the children in Reception class get 'Star of the Week'. All the children were really enthusiastic to start school and everyone greeted me and Mrs Storrow with a huge smile which really made our day. All the children have been enjoying exploring our classroom environments inside and outside and have done so well to incorporate our new 'Covid routines' into their school day. We have had a great start to the year and Mrs Storrow and I are very proud of how they've all coped with their first few days in school. Well done everyone!

Class 2 – We have enjoyed seeing our friends again this week. We have done the introduction to our new topic, 'Memory Box' and have been investigating with our Maths equipment.

Class 3 – This week we have been archaeologists and have carried out a 'dig' in our school grounds. We found lots of stones and some weed suppressant. In Maths we have begun work on calculations and in English we have been finding out about the Stone Age period and describing features. We have looked at aerial maps and some historical sites in the UK

Class 4 – We have had a lovely few days back at school and have enjoyed getting to know one another. In English have been researching about our new topic Ancient Egypt, discussing prior knowledge and questions we would like to find out during the topic. We have completed a chronological report about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. In Maths we have begun our work looking at Place Value. We have also completed our year expectation spellings, so we can organise our spelling groups.

Well done Class 4 for a great few days back at school!

Attendance W/C 31.8.20

Reception	100
Year 1	100
Year 2	100
Year 3	94.1
Year 4	90.9
Year 5	83.3
Year 6	100
Overall	94.1%

Welcome back!

The staff team and I are so proud of the children and the way they have settled into our new school routine so quickly. We have been very happy to see the children back in school this week.

Curriculum

The government guidance is clear in that it allows schools to consider their own context in deciding how to offer the broad and balanced curriculum that students need in order to enjoy school and succeed. Throughout our planning we have taken into account the need to keep everyone safe: students, staff and parents. Students have been away from school for a long period of time and our desire is for them to return to as normal a school experience as possible; this is important for both their well-being and education. We will continue to follow the Cornerstones topics with a huge focus on reading; it will be incorporated into many lessons throughout the week. We do recognise however, that there will be many challenges ahead, which require your support to adapt to unfamiliar routines and practices, which allow us to deliver a high quality curriculum and learning experience whilst keeping your families and staff safe.

Staff will be sending out homework and spellings via Google classroom. You will receive information regarding log in details by your child's class teacher.

Attendance

All students will be expected to attend school. If your child is absent through illness please notify the school in the normal way. If your child has the symptoms of coronavirus, (persistent cough, fever, loss of smell or taste) please do not send them to school and seek a coronavirus test immediately. If a student receives a positive coronavirus test, the school must be informed immediately. Failure to do so would put all members of our community at risk.

Attendance is compulsory for all children, unless your child:

- Is self-isolating.
- Has symptoms of Covid-19 or a positive test result.
- Is in close contact with someone with coronavirus.

Behaviour expectations

Alongside our normal expectations of behaviour, we will expect the children to respect the new measures and way of working. Please see our school website for an updated behaviour policy which compliments the most recent version of our risk assessment.

Visitors

We shall continue to try to minimise the number of visitors' onsite. We are operating an essential visit only policy. Please continue to call or email the office if you have any queries to avoid unnecessary visits to the school premises. To aid this, please ensure your child has everything they need for the school day before they leave home.

We hope that these measures will prove temporary and we shall of course keep you informed of any change in guidance and practice. If you have any questions or queries, please email the school office

admin@henshawprimary.uk

End of the school day

It has been brought to our attention that some adults are not practicing social distancing measures near to the school building at drop off and collection times. We understand that this new way of working is a lengthy process and we thank you for being patient with us.

Please can we remind you that we must adhere to our risk assessment which includes practicing social distancing both in and around school. We have obligations as staff and governors to protect our children and families and keep them as safe as possible-but we need your help and vigilance to do so. We do not want to increase risk unnecessarily.

Starting on Monday 7th September we are proposing the following for collection at the end of the school day. Please be aware that in order to put these measures in place, the school day will now finish at 3.20pm:-

The main entrance to school will still be the collection point but we will send children out in groups with 5 minute intervals in between each group starting at 3pm.

3pm- Sibling groups

3.10pm- Reception children

3.15pm- Key Stage 1 (Class 2)

3.20pm- Key Stage 2 (Class 3/Class 4)

In order to help us do this successfully, please be prompt for your collection time and leave the premises straight away to avoid congestion.

Children who access wraparound care will be taken to after school club as normal. Children who travel on school transport will be taken out at 3.15pm by a member of staff.

Thank you for your time and understanding on this matter-we really appreciate your support.

Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 7/9/20

(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	Roast Turkey & Yorkshire Pudding, Mash, Gravy OR Tortilla Wrap with Filling & Salad	Chicken Goujons, Wedges, Beans OR Pasta with Tuna, Salad & Crusty Bread
Carrots & Peas	Sweetcorn	Peas	Broccoli	Beans
Fruit Meringue	Manchester Tart	Melon	Blueberry Muffin	Chocolate Brownie & Milkshake
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

School dinners are free for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 (Universal Free School Meal) and for those children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium (Free School Meals). The price of a school dinner for Years 3 – 6 remains at £2.30.

Schoolcomms

We are excited to announce that we will be transferring over to a cashless system very shortly. Staff members are in the process of having training in regards to the new system and we politely ask that you do not bring any money into school at the moment e.g. dinner money. We will keep you informed and how to access the app, send payments etc... We are hoping to get this in place and set up before the end of September.

Closed Facebook page for parents

Just a reminder that we have a closed parent Facebook page that is another avenue for communication. Please search for Henshaw CE Primary School and ask to be added as a member.

Breaktime Snack

The Government Fruit Scheme will resume next week, where we receive free fruit for our Reception and Key Stage 1 children. If our Keystage 2 children would like to bring a piece of fruit into school, in a paper/plastic bag which will be disposed of in school, they are welcome to do so.

Consent Forms

As you will be aware, we are limiting paperwork going home with the children. However, we have some lengthy documents that need to be reviewed at the beginning of each school year. These will be sent home with your child in a sanitised plastic pocket. Please could you complete and return these as soon as possible so that we can update our records. Thank you.

Yours



Mrs Sarah Hutchinson - Executive Head Teacher