



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 10/12/18

Please note: this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Burger, Wedges OR Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese	Mince Pie & Potatoes OR Baguette with Cheese or Chicken	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding & Potatoes OR Wrap with Chicken or Tuna	Sausage & Mashed Potato OR Pasta with Cheese or Tuna	Cod & Salmon Fishcake & Chips OR Baguette with Ham or Cheese
Salad	Carrots	Peas	Beans	Peas
Scone with Jam & Cream	Fruit Salad	Frozen Fruit Smoothie	Strawberry Shortcake	Oaty Biscuit & Fruit Juice
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt



Stars of the Week



Reception Class - Mason for his super ball catching skills in football

Key Stage 1 - Cole – for fantastic phonics work

Key Stage 2 - Seth for taking his roles in our performances so seriously

Presentation Award – Georgia for her beautifully presented Henshaw Herald report

Values and Virtues Award - Zane - Determination with work and respect for all

Head Teacher's Award – Riley for designing and creating a fantastically detailed moon buggy

Learning Achievements

Reception Class – the children have been making Christmas Cards and preparing for their Christmas performances this week. We have also practised addition and subtraction in Maths.

Key Stage 1 – we have designed and built our own Moon Buggys from Lego and have been practising our money skills in Maths.

Key Stage 2 – we have written Haiku poems about our predator and the Christmas performance is well under-way.

Attendance W/C 3/12/18

	%
Reception	90.0
Year 1	90.0
Year 2	90.0
Year 3	95.6
Year 4	100
Year 5	90.0
Year 6	90.2
Overall	91.8

Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics

Well done to our Gymnastics Team who worked really hard on their routines, in preparation for the competition at Allendale Primary School today.

I am delighted to announce these fantastic results!....

WTCS Team 2 - 1st
WTCS Team 1 - 2nd

Joint 1st - Evie & Emma
Joint 2nd - Lilly & Allendale pupil
Joint 3rd - Emily & Jess

Well done everyone!

Nursery and Reception Christmas Play & Fayre

Just a reminder that the Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance (Ready Steady Elves) is on Monday 10th December at 1.45pm, in the School Hall.

This will be followed by a Nursery Christmas Fayre in the Nursery Unit. **Any donations for the Year 5 & 6 Cake Stall would be very welcome!**

Thank you

Used Postage Stamp collection

We will be collecting used stamps on behalf of the charity, Bransby Home of Rest for Horses, again this year.

Please could you send any that you may have from your Christmas post into school. Thank you for your support

Reception Swimming Lessons -Spring Term 2019

Our Reception children will be swimming on Tuesday mornings during the Spring Term.

The first session will be on **Tuesday 8th January** (first day back after the Christmas holidays). Please could the children bring their swimming kit and a towel into school every Tuesday.

The swimming letter, including permission slip and payment details, is being sent home today. Thank you

Christmas Performance– ‘Bethlehem the Musical’

Tickets are now available for this year’s Christmas Performance, ‘Bethlehem the Musical’.

The performances are being held on Monday 17th December at 1.30pm, with an evening performance at 6.00pm.

Tickets will be limited due to the space available in the school hall.

Please could all costumes be brought into school on Friday 14th December ready for our dress rehearsal.

Reception children will only need a white top and black trousers/jogging bottoms, as the rest of their costume is being provided in school.

Year 5/ 6 Girls Football Tournament – Darsley Park

Once again our Girls Football Team made Mrs Makepeace very proud with their excellent team work in the tournament today.

Well done!

St Oswald’s Children’s Hospice - Christmas Beanies

The Christmas Beanies are selling fast! If you would like one, they are available from the School Office and cost £2 each. All proceeds are in aid of St Oswald’s Children’s Hospice.

Thank you.

Christingle Service 13.12.18

Just a reminder that our Federation Christingle Service is being held at St Cuthbert’s Church, Greenhead on Thursday 13th December at 2.15pm, led by Rev Carter.

We hope you can join us.

NUFC Appearance & Images Consent Form

You will have received a letter today from NUFC requesting your consent regarding images and appearances.

Please could you complete and return the consent form to school by Monday 10th December. Thank you

Year 6 Provision

After Christmas, starting on Thursday 10th January, the Year 6 children from Greenhead School will be transported for one morning per week to Henshaw to work with the Year 6 children there, taking part in creative writing, SPaG and maths sessions as a larger cohort. We feel that this will be extremely beneficial for them to work together as a larger group on different tasks, which will include work around SAT's papers to prepare them for their SAT's test in May.

School Visit

Recently we had a visit from our School Improvement Officer, Mr David Shearsmith, and we are delighted to be able to share the following points with you:

"Pupils' personal development has improved overall with pupils' attitudes to learning improving, particularly where teaching has been consistently good."

"The Early Years is a strength of the school due to good quality provision and consistently good teaching over time so that children perform well"

"Transition from the private Nursery into the school is a growing strength, with the school working more closely with the Nursery to ensure children have a good start to their time in school"

"Most pupils generally made good progress across the school due to the school tracking pupils' progress effectively and intervening where pupils were likely to underachieve"

"The school's wider curriculum is improving with progress picking up in the foundation subjects as the school embeds it and develops its assessment systems to ensure all pupils are making good progress"

School Funding Crisis And Petition

Please find attached a letter highlighting the present funding crisis in schools.

If you think government should fund schools sufficiently and fairly, please show your support by adding your name to the petition 'Increase Funding for Schools', as well as encouraging family and friends to do so, via the link in the letter.

We would also like to draw your attention to the current BBC2 documentary "School" (next Tuesday at 21:00 and via iPlayer) which exemplifies not just this crisis but also that academies are not, on their own, the route to salvation.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and please support your children's future by signing the petition.

Mr David Ratcliff – Chair of Governors

Yours



Mrs Sarah Hutchinson - Executive Head Teacher