



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 11/12/17 (Please note: this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Pasta, Sweetcorn & Homemade Bread	Lasagne, Homemade Bread & Salad	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato & Carrots	Steak Pie, Peas & Mashed Potato	Chicken Baguette, Beans & Chips
Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Fruit Meringue	Angel Delight	Marble Cake & Custard	Oaty Biscuit and Fruit Juice
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

Although we are nearing the end of the Autumn Term, we have a few very busy weeks ahead – particularly with lots of performances and festivities in the lead-up to Christmas. Please check the Diary dates at the end of this newsletter so that you are aware of what is happening, and we look forward to seeing you at any events you are able to attend.

Attendance w/c 4/12/2017

Reception	87.7%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	84.4%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	100%
Overall	91.1%

Key Stage 1 and Reception

I have heard nothing but positive reports about the fantastic behaviour that was displayed by all on our Federation trip to the Centre for Life for Key Stage 1 and our visit at Henshaw School ,for the Reception children's 'Reflections' day! Well done to all involved including a huge 'thank you' to the staff and parent team who supported throughout the day.

Unfortunately we have had a lot of poorly children this week, which is reflected in our overall attendance %



Stars of the Week



Reception Class - Lacey for writing sentences independently , remembering full stops, capital letters & finger spaces.

Key Stage 1 – Skye for showing us her amazing ice skating skills at the Centre for Life!

Key Stage 2 – Olivia for super maths work!

Values and Virtues Award – Evie for 'Determination' in her regular reading

Presentation Award – Reece for his beautiful presentation in English and Maths

Head Teachers Award - Grayce for always trying hard in class and for being a fantastic friend to others.

Learning Achievements

Reception Class - we enjoyed a lovely 'Reflections Day' with our friends from Greenhead and made some delicious butterfly cakes!

Key Stage 1 – This week in Maths our Year 1 children have been ordering and comparing numbers whilst our Year 2 children have been practising their multiplication skills.

Key Stage 2 – We are writing a letter to aliens who are in search of a new planet, as their planet is drying up! We will be informing them about the properties of water.



Rocket Rocketeers!

As a school we understand the importance of regular reading both in school and at home and recognise that we need to put reading at the forefront of the children's learning. We would like to introduce a new initiative at school whereby your child becomes a Reading Rocketeer!

The process will be as follows:-

If your child reads three times a week they will receive a raffle ticket.

This raffle ticket will then be added to the school Reading Jar in Mrs Hutchinson's office. At the end of each half term, 6 tickets will be selected at random. The School Council will consult the children regarding a suitable reward e.g. afternoon tea with the Headteacher, Film Club with popcorn, visiting the local play park etc...

We would really appreciate your co-operation with this. Home/School diaries must be signed and dated by an adult three times per week before your child receives a raffle ticket. Home/School books will be checked by staff on a weekly basis (Please refer to our 'Top Tips' reading sheet which is being sent home today).

If your child's ticket is not selected at the end of the half term, the remaining tickets in the School Jar will be looked at and children with a ticket (s) in the jar will receive a 'Reading Rocketeer' certificate to acknowledge that they have been reading at home.

To continue our push on reading we are re-establishing our library, which will now be open every Wednesday lunch time for children to visit. This will be run by Mrs Olsson, and children can take out a library book and return it the following week.

Mrs Olsson will be helped by Matilda and Grayce, our new Librarians.

School Closure Information

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service. As a fundamental principle every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However, schools may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Those circumstances being that it is no longer safe for all staff or pupils to be on site. We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. We will make every effort to prepare for severe snow/ice this winter by gritting pathways and clearing access points. However, if we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions, we may have to take the decision to close the school. Once this decision has been made, a notification will be displayed on the home page of the school website immediately. This will be updated regularly and identify times for further updates.

If the school has to close, we will endeavour to make a decision by 7.45 am of that day. Parents will be informed by the following methods:

- A message will be posted on the school website.
- A message will be posted onto the closed parent Facebook page ([please search for Henshaw CE Primary School/ Greenhead CE Primary School and Fundraising Team information page](#)) and ask to join)
- Information will be relayed to and broadcast on local radio stations

The Local Authority will be informed and they will update the details on their website. The weblink is www.northumberlandcountycouncil.gov.uk



Balloons

As you know the children in Key Stage 1 have been learning all about our 'Splendid Skies' as part of their topic this half term. The children across the Federation had a lovely fundraising idea of asking people to sponsor a balloon in memory of a loved one at Christmas time for £3.50 each. The bio-degradable balloons will be labelled and released when the children are together for their joint Christmas activity day on Wednesday 20th December. If you wish to purchase a balloon, please complete the label below and return to school in an envelope with the payment by **Friday 15th December**. If you would like additional labels, please ask at the School Office.

Thank you!

I would like to thank the parent volunteers that have been supporting various classes across the school and for accompanying us on various trips and visits too. If you are keen to help out, pop to the office to find out more.

Christmas Lunch Arrangements & Nut Allergy

Our friends from Greenhead School will be joining us for Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 20th December.

As one of the children has been diagnosed with a nut allergy, we would be grateful if packed lunch children could avoid bringing peanut butter sandwiches, or any other food high in nut content, on this day.

If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas Lunch instead, please complete the slip below and return to school by **Monday 11th December**.

Thank you

Football League

The children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to participate in a Football League, with other Primary Schools in the area, during the Spring Term - more details to follow!

Christmas Performance – 'The Hoity Toity Angel' - 18.12.17 - 1.30pm & 6pm

Tickets are available now from the school office for our Christmas performance of the 'Hoity Toity Angel' (please see information letter sent yesterday).

Christmas Beanies – St Oswald's Children's Hospice

The Christmas Beanies are selling fast!

If you would like to buy one they are available from the School Office, cost £2. Thank you.

School Clubs

Gardening Club will now be held on a lunch time (weather permitting) with immediate effect, due to the dark, cold nights (so no after school session next week).

Netball Club- the last training session for Key Stage 2 will be Thursday 14th December. Training will resume during the week beginning 8th January 2018.

Please note there will be no Clubs during the final week of term.

Details regarding new clubs being held next term will be sent out after the holidays.

Behaviour Management Plan

Thank you to everyone who has returned their signed copy of the Behaviour Management Plan. Please could any outstanding forms be sent into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Save the Children Fund – Christmas Jumper Day – 15.12.17

Just a reminder that the children are invited to come to school in a Christmas Jumper next Friday, for a donation of £1.

All proceeds will go to the Save the Children Fund

Diary dates

Monday 11th December – Theatre Company visiting school - 'Scarlet's Secret Snow Globe'

Friday 15th December – Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day'/ KS2 – Carol Singing at Haltwhistle hospital

Monday 18th December – 'The Hoity Toity Angel' Christmas nativity production, 1.30pm & 6pm in the school hall.

Wednesday 20th December – Joint Christmas activity day and Christmas lunch at Henshaw followed by the Christingle Service at All Hallow's Church-2pm.

Friday 22nd December – Carols around the tree -9.15am

Monday 8th January – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 9th January – School re-opens today

Henshaw Children's Choir

Come and join us to sing carols at Henshaw Crib Service

Christmas Eve, 6 pm

Choir open to all; no age restrictions

You need to attend the following rehearsals:

[Rehearsal is taking place during the Henshaw Messy Church Christmas Party]

Christmas Eve, 5 pm - All Hallows', Henshaw

[Refreshments will be available for children between the rehearsal and the Crib Service at 6 pm]

We hope that if this is popular, we shall continue a regular children's choir in the New Year.

Please contact Steph Carter for more details: 01434 688196 or stephanie-carter@hotmail.com

Yours

Mrs Sarah Hutchinson - Executive Head Teacher

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Packed Lunch Children only - Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 20th December 2017

Child/ren's name:..... would like a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20th December.

I enclose £2.30 as payment.

Signed Date

Please return by **Monday 11th December**. Thank you

Name _____

In memory of _____

School address _____