



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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Stars of the Week



Class 3 - Our Star of the Week goes to Class 3, for all your hard work over the past term. You have really grown as a class and we have enjoyed teaching you.

Class 4 – Our Stars of the Week are Micha, Rio, Evie, Louise, Carl, Owen, Skye and Lexy for being such fun to be with this week!

Mrs Hutchinson’s Head Teacher award - All the children- for showing great determination, resilience and kindness. I am very proud of you all!

Learning Achievements

Class 3 – This week, we have completed our Science topic. We have had fun exploring solids, liquids, gases and had a science quiz followed by learning about DNA - making our own model DNA using jelly tots, cocktail sticks and liquorice. We melted chocolate and made our own sweets – to show that chocolate as a solid can be melted and then will return to a solid - taking on the shape of any container that it is in. We have seen how to make a bath bomb and watched a bath bomb when dropped into warm water. We finished by making a powerpoint of what we have learnt this half-term. In Maths, we have continued our work on multiplication tables and we ended our half-term with a Christmas party. It has been a very busy, but exciting week!

Class 4 - This week we have completed our plan of our world tour to exhibit our art in different galleries. We then finished our POP questions and our maths consolidation. We loved our Kahoot quiz on Ancient Egypt and Gallery Rebels. We have nearly finished our igloo, practiced our Christmas dances and decorated our gingerbread men, to eat while we watched a Christmas movie together with a hot chocolate. Have a lovely Christmas and New Year!

Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds’ Menu w/c 4.1.21 (Please note: this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Teacher Training Day	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	Cheesy Pizza, Wedges OR Wrap with Filling
	Green Beans	Broccoli	Beans	Peas
	Shortcake Biscuit & Fruit Juice	Angel Delight	Marble Cake & Custard	Raspberry & White Chocolate Muffin & Milkshake
	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

Christmas Break

Just a reminder that the final day of the school term is **Thursday 17th December**. School will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

COVID update/ January arrangements

On Tuesday 5th January, upon return, we will continue to operate the same systems that we currently have in place. The opening and end of day times will remain the same and the one way system will still be in place.

Items that are allowed into school will still be limited and children can still come to school on Mondays in PE kits.

The children's class bubbles will remain the same, as will staggered lunch times and we will continue to be in touch with parents either via Google Classroom, class email, Facebook or the weekly newsletter.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I would like to thank you for your support, and also for any generous gifts given to staff to celebrate Christmas - it is greatly appreciated!

This year, we owe you our thanks considerably more than ever, so please let me offer it now.

We always recognise that, in sending your children to our school, you are putting great trust in us, both to care for and to educate them. This year, this couldn't be more true! So thank you for continuing to trust in us through this difficult time, particularly when there must have been times of real worry for you, as there have been for all of us.

Thank you to those of you who continued to serve in frontline roles, while entrusting your children to our care and thank you, too, to those of you who, with little warning, made arrangements to keep your children at home. Very few school teachers would opt to home-educate their own children: we know what a challenge that is! Thank you for your tolerance while we sorted out remote learning, tried to balance the needs of everyone, whether enthusiastic for more work or struggling to access any.

Thank you for listening to our messages, reading our emails, newsletters and Facebook posts, while all around us was contradictory information in the press and on social media. Often, we found out about big announcements at the same time as you, watching the Prime Minister and his experts on the evening broadcasts. Too often we then had to wait on detail to help us – and you – to understand what it meant in practice.

And finally, thank you for working with us through these challenging months, without traditional events like welcome meetings, parents' consultations or even the school nativity. In some ways, it felt harder than ever to be together as a school community but, in other ways, this period of change has highlighted the importance of working together as we do.

We look forward to providing your children with the safest and most enjoyable education possible going forward into 2021!

On behalf of myself, the staff team and the governing body we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Mrs Sarah Hutchinson
Executive Head Teacher