



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

As we come to the end of another term, it is amazing to reflect back on what we have accomplished in the 15 weeks since September...

A Science Fair week with some wonderful experiments that children had chosen and presented to their class; Class visits to Holy Island; a theatre visit; an exciting, local train ride; Harvest festival at our local church; Remembrance Day service at Holy Cross Church; a Workshop Wednesday and Together Tuesday; Anti-bullying day; Planting trees to create a new woodland area; our first Bedtime Stories event; Parent consultations to share with parents how wonderful the children are; World Cup day; NSPCC workshops; an Art Fair week where children shared their incredible art homework with the class; Meeting Pudsey Bear and supporting Children in Need; a Christingle Service; a School Fair and two Christmas performances!

Without the hard-work and dedication of our amazing teachers and teaching assistants, supported by our non-classroom based staff, it would be very difficult to offer our community the wonderful things we do. So may I take the opportunity to thank them all and hope they have a well-deserved rest over Christmas!

We continue to be incredibly proud of your children and the heart and soul they give to our school. On behalf of the staff at Henshaw, thank you for your never-ending support and have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year,

Best Wishes, Mr Glenton

Christingle Service

We had a jam-packed Christingle service two weeks ago where the children made their own Christingle in church to represent the light of Christ, God's love and the gifts we are given. The children sang beautifully and listened well to Father Steve, who gave us a sermon to celebrate this festive time of year. We hope the children enjoyed taking their Christingles home and lighting them as you have prepared for Christmas Day - it feels like it has come around very quickly! The school has made a donation to the Children's Society to mark our service and to support the wonderful work they do.

Class News

Tyne Class

We've had a very busy week in Tyne class. We have been making lovely items for our Christmas Fayre. We've been practising our phonics, writing and numeracy skills with a range of festive activities in our Elf School. When you're out and about why not play 'I Spy' - a great way to practise hearing initial sounds in words. We really enjoyed going to see 'The Wind in the Willows' at the Queen's Hall in Hexham.

All the children from Henshaw were beautifully behaved at the Panto and it was a pleasure to be out and about with them.

Thames Class

Thames class have been busy writing their own instructions about how to plant a tree and to direct Santa to the chimney so he can deliver his presents. In Maths, we have continued to practise addition and subtraction. In Geography, we have looked at maps and used the compass to determine which towns or cities are in the North, East, West and South. The children were very engaged looking at maps and identifying key features. Perhaps they could look at some maps at home and name some of our major cities? We had a fantastic time at the Queens Hall, watching 'The Wind in the Willows'. We have also been busy with preparations for Christmas and our performance.

Rhine Class

This week in Rhine Class, we have been getting into the Christmas spirit with our performance rehearsals, making things to sell at the Christmas Fayre and creating angels for the Church. We have also completed some work on diary writing, started our science investigations into changing materials and learnt about the Norman invasions in history. In P.E., we have been completing multi-skills challenges and have refined our dance routines. In music with Mr Reed, we have been practising our Christmas songs and learning some instrumental pieces. All this, as well as spelling games - we played spelling battleships this week. It would be good if you could play these at home with the children to help reinforce their spellings for this week.

Nile Class

In Nile class, the theme for the Christmas stall is snowmen. The children worked on improving their handwriting by writing out Christmas snowmen jokes and retelling them to each other in class. The children had great fun making snowman biscuits ready to sell. The biscuits were decorated with icing, the biscuits were made to look like the snowman had melted over the top. Why not see who can say the best Christmas joke in your house tonight!



Our School Promise

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

Learning Award - Maddie, Kian

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Macy

Etiquette Award - Eva W

Environmental Award - Eve

Kindness Award - Alex

Inclusion Award - Sophie, Alicia

Friendship Award - Rohan

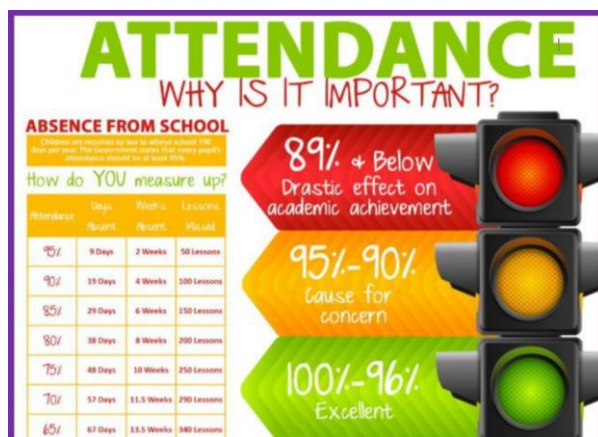
Role model Award - Ellie



Each week, other children receive a postcard through the post to let their adults know how proud of them we are.

Attendance: **Every day is important to give children their full entitlement to an exciting learning journey**

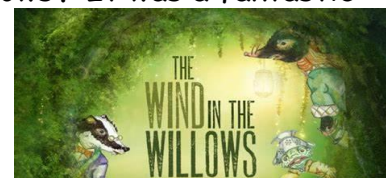
Tyne - 94% **Thames** - 94.8% **Rhine** - 98.2% **Nile** - 86.8% **Whole School** - 93.7%



Please could we remind parents that we are a nut-free and healthy school. Children should not be bringing into school chocolate spread in their sandwiches for these reasons.

'The Wind in the Willows' Theatre Visit

Last week, children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 travelled to the Queen's Hall in Hexham to watch a stage production of 'The Wind in the Willows'. It was a fantastic show with lots of thrills and excitement and it was lovely to Hear the children come back to school retelling this famous tale, especially the funny parts involving Mr Toad!



Key Stage 2 Performance of The Muppets Christmas Carol

We are very excited to be performing 'The Muppets Christmas Carol' at Haydon Bridge High School on Thursday. If your child is staying after the first performance (which starts at 2:30pm, doors open at 2:15pm), please could you ensure they have a snack with them as well as their packed lunch for the day. Our second performance will be at 5pm (doors open at 4:45pm) and at the end of the performance, if we can ask parents to gather at the front entrance of the school, we will dismiss children from there. It's going to be a magnificent show!

Christmas Dinner and Fair

We raised over £650 during our Christmas Fair - which is amazing! Thank you so much for your generosity for the tombola, chocolate hamper and the teddy stall! This fundraising will go directly to building more enrichment opportunities for our children into our already amazing curriculum.

The school also enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner cooked by our wonderful Mrs Hancock - what a wonderful meal we all enjoyed and thank you to Mrs Hancock, Miss Reynolds and Mrs Kirsopp for this festive treat.

Christmas parties and Santa is coming to town...

Our Christmas class parties will take place on Friday afternoon. If your child would like to wear party clothes for this, please could they bring these in in a named carrier bag and they can change out of their school uniform after lunch. All teachers sent home food request slips last week - please could children also bring requests in on Friday but can I remind parents that we are a nut free school. We can't wait for our party games, Christmas banquet and possibly a surprise visit from Santa...

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 21st December - Key Stage 2 dress rehearsals at HBHS

Thursday 22nd December 2:30pm and 5pm - Key Stage 2 Christmas performance

Friday 23rd December - Christmas parties and Santa is coming to school!

Monday 9th January - Children return to school

Friday 13th January - Catch up, coffee and cake in the school hall, all parents welcome to attend, organised by the Friends of Henshaw

Wednesday 18th January - Workshop Wednesday 2:00pm- 3:00pm - All parents and grandparents welcome to join in with their child's learning in class

Wednesday 25th January - Year 6 to Durham University to start their Scholars programme

A final thought...

Christmas is the day that holds time together

Alexander Smith

