

Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 18/12/17 (Please note: this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Goujons, Sweetcorn & Wedges	Shepherd's Pie & Carrots	Xmas Lunch!	Pasta Bolognaise, Garlic Bread & Salad	Pizza, Beans & Chips
Flapjack	Jelly & Fruit	7710	Frozen Fruit Smoothie	lced Muffin Cake
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt



Stars of the Week



Reception Class - Riley for knowing all his Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds.

Key Stage 1 - Findlay for being helpful and determined to do his best

Key Stage 2 — Georgia for stepping up to the mark brilliantly in carrying out the leading role in our Christmas performance.

Values and Virtues Award – Seth for always showing respect to his peers and members of staff

Presentation Award – Janáe for her lovely, neat handwriting

Head Teachers Award - Eva for her beautiful singing in the Christmas play practices

Staff Member of the Month!

It's that time again for the children to choose their 'Staff Member of the Month'! Please could the nomination slip below be returned to school by **Monday 18th December**. Thank you!

Theatre Performance

The children enjoyed a fantastic performance of 'Scarlet's Secret Snow Globe', performed by Take a Hint Theatre Group, on Monday. A big 'thank you' to the Friends of Henshaw for organising such a lovely treat for all our children.

ATTENDANCE W/C 11/12/17					
Reception	100%				
Year 1	98.2%				
Year 2	88.9%				
Year 3	100%				
Year 4	100%				
Year 5	98.5%				
Year 6	90%				
Overall	97.2%				

Carol Singing - Haltwhistle Hospital

Our KS2 children from across the Federation had a lovely time today singing Christmas Carols at Haltwhistle Hospital. They sang beautifully and were a credit to our schools. Well done!

Learning Achievements

Reception Class - Christmas has taken over in Reception with presents, cards, calendars and wrapping paper!

Key Stage 1 – This week, we have been writing weather reports and discussing our favourite part of our 'Splendid Skies' topic.

Key Stage 2 – In Class 3 this week we have been busy preparing for our Christmas performance. We have also been writing our non-chronological reports about water in its three states, ready to be made into posters to send to the aliens, who wrote to us last week.

School Events

Another busy half term!

So far we have: -

Shown racism the red card!

Taken part in a hockey tournament (Years 5 and 6)

Hosted a parent forum

Joined in with Dance and Yoga sessions delivered by professional instructors.

Listened to stories with 'Storybook Church' and our nursery friends.

Participated in a Netball tournament (Key Stage 2)

Held a 'Spotacular' charity event for Children in Need.

Visited Dilston Hall to make lotions and potions (Key Stage 2)

Visited the Northern Stage the watch Alice in wonderland (Key Stage 2)

Visited the Life Centre in Newcastle and took part in an ice skating session! (Key Stage 1)

Joined our friends from Greenhead to take part in a 'Reception Reflection Day'

Selected our 'Eco-Warriors!'

Chilled out with Amanda from 'Relax Kids' (Staff session included!)

Sang to the residents at Haltwhistle Hospital in our Christmas jumpers! (Key Stage 2)

Introduced staff member of the month to show appreciation and promote staff wellbeing.

Taken part in safeguarding training (all staff)

Next week we will be:-

Performing 'The Hoity Toity Angel' to parents and friends.

Joining together to release balloons to remember loved ones at Christmas time.

Participating in a Federation Christingle service with our friends from Greenhead.

AndSinging carols around the tree!

Next half term we can look forward to:-

Participating in a Gymnastics competition (Key Stage 2)

Swimming for children in Key Stage 1.

Beginning our 'Young Leaders' initiative (Years 5 and 6)

Starting our West Tyne football league (Key Stage 2)

Meet and Greet the Governor session

Parent forums

Stay and Share sessions for all classes

Interviewing Governors! (Child led)

Grandparent's afternoon tea

Community lunch

Topics for Spring Term 1:

Reception - Will you read me a story?

Key Stage 1 – Towers, tunnels and turrets

Key Stage 2 – Frozen Kingdom

We always welcome any resources linked to our half termly topics! If you feel that you might like to share a story with the Reception children, offer advice on how to build a tower to our Key Stage 1 children or are an expert in the field of explorers/ polar regions to help out our Key Stage 2 children please feel free to contact us with your ideas! Or if in fact you can offer an insight into any of the topics above please contact your child's class teacher with the information —all help greatly appreciated!

Governor News

Throughout this half term the subject link Governors have conducted a Maths, English, RE and Geography visit. They met with subject co-ordinators and were involved in Learning Walks and were happy to report that:-

'The pupils were engaged by the discussion together and in their individual tasks. They clearly had a good understanding of the reasons Harvest is celebrated and enjoyed expressing themselves. Appropriate support was given to each pupil by the teacher throughout the time spent writing up their responses. Each child had an assessment grid pasted in their book to refer to the targets of the module. It is always fun to be involved with an assembly/act of worship, not least because of the great enthusiasm of our pupils and the searching questions that they frequently raise.'

Calling all Singers!

All children are encouraged to bring their singing voices with them to the Crib Service at All Hallow's Church on Christmas Eve! Henshaw children's choir will be rehearsing 'Silent Night' at 5pm ready for the service at 6pm and all children are welcome. A snack will be given to the children after rehearsal.

We're really looking forward to it and hope you can make it. If you need any more information please see Debbie Nye in the school yard.

Thank you, Steph Carter and Debbie Nye

And finally I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Governors and staff team, to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Meek, who has been working within the Federation for over two years now. Her advice and support has been very much appreciated.

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Mrs Sarah Hutchinson - Executiv	e Head Teacher		
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Please write below the name of the member of staff that you would like to vote for and a reason why.

Thank you!

Name:

Reason: