



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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Stars of the Week



Class 1 – Our Stars of the week are EVERYONE for being such stars during the Crib Service. I am so proud of all the children. Their behaviour was fabulous and they joined in beautifully. Well done everyone!

Class 2 – The whole of Class 2 for being amazing this week... and a special mention for Rhys, for his amazing story about the Jolly Postman!

Class 3 – All our children in Class 3 for making their lovely angels for the Crib Service...they were beautiful!

Class 4 – Everyone in Class 4 for being so fantastic! Have a lovely Christmas everyone!

Head Teachers Award –All children- for making my time at Henshaw/ Greenhead so special. It has been a privilege to work with you all. Thank you!

Learning Achievements

Class 1 - We've had a busy week finishing off all our Christmas crafts. We've decorated gingerbread hearts to put on our Christmas trees at home. We really enjoyed the Crib service at the church and loved spotting our angels. We had great fun at our Christmas party and enjoyed pass the parcel, musical bumps, musical statues and we managed to eat an ENORMOUS party tea!

Class 2 – We have had a busy week making Christmas Calendars based on the artist Kandinsky. We enjoyed our Christmas dinner followed by carols in All Hallows Church. We had a fantastic party and had a very special visitor!

Class 3 – The children have had a fabulous week completing their Christmas Cards and other Christmas crafts. They also enjoyed making tacos and Christmas biscuits for their party afternoon!

Class 4 – We have had such a fun week filled with festive activities! We especially enjoyed our Christmas quiz and party...not to mention Mrs Hancock's lovely Christmas lunch!

Dear Parents/Carers,

This will be our final letter of 2021. We all remain hopeful that we keep as safe as we have this term and that 2022 allows us to get back onto the path to a new normal life. I know the children and staff are desperate for things to return as before but we equally know this pandemic remains and we need to follow the guidelines as best we can to keep us and our loved ones safe. The children are desperately tired (teachers too!) as it's been a tough term for them to manage both physically and psychologically. I hope the Christmas break allows everyone to get some much-needed down time and rest up for the term ahead.

I would also like to thank The Friends of Henshaw who support the school in so many ways with new ideas for which raise valuable funds for the school- hopefully you will all be able to get back to having some face to face events in the Spring Term.

I wish you well and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, carers and families for your continued support and encouragement this term. Finally, I would like to wish all of you a very 'Happy Christmas' and a peaceful and happy new year.

The staff team will welcome the children back into school on **Wednesday 5th January**.



Friends of Henshaw – Christmas Hamper Raffle!



Congratulations to the winners of this year's Christmas Hampers!

First Prize – Louise

Second Prize – Lexy

Well done!

Thank you to everyone who participated...we raised £100!



Attendance W/C 13/12/21

Reception	100
Year 1	98
Year 2	86.4
Year 3	89.1
Year 4	94.3
Year 5	100
Year 6	93.9
Overall	93.9%



Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 3.1.22 (Please note: this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Closed	School Closed Teacher Training Day	Cooked Ham, Hash Browns OR Macaroni Cheese	Sausage, Mash & Gravy OR Wrap with filling & Salad	Chicken Goujons, Potato Crispers OR Pasta
		Beans	Baby Carrots	Beans
		Steamed Jam Sponge & Custard	Flapjack	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream
		Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt



Christmas activities



The children enjoyed a variety of Christmas activities this week including a beautiful Crib Service in All Hallows Church. A BIG 'thank you' to Carol and Ann for organising this for the children. The children have also enjoyed their Christmas parties and Santa popped in for a visit with some presents for everyone!

We have recorded the Crib Service and you can view this using the link and password we have emailed to you today. Enjoy!

Covid Update

NHS test and trace will continue to be responsible for contacting families (where needed) over the Christmas Holiday if there is a need to notify of close contact with a positive case for COVID. Please can we remind you before your return after the holidays that if your child or anyone in your household is showing any of symptoms of COVID they should not be returning to school until a PCR test has been taken and a negative result received:

- a **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Support while school is closed for Christmas holiday. If you or anyone in your family needs support over the period while school is closed, please see the links below that can provide help and guidance:

Help with Food and Bills

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/benefits/help-with-food-and-bills>

Taking care of mental health:

<https://www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk/myself/coronavirus-mental-health-information-hub>

Emergency Food support:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedsmic/emergency-food>

Domestic Violence support:

<https://ldvs.uk/>

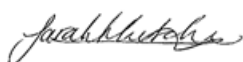
From 14 December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:

- *fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine*
- *all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status*
- *people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons*
- *people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine*

Please see further information attached. Thank you

Yours



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