



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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Stars of the Week



Class 1 –Our Star of the week is Jack for being a complete star! Jack is always enthusiastic, hardworking and is a super friend. Well done!

Class 2 – Charlotte P for working so hard in phonics.

Class 3 – Macy for her super spelling recall and for gaining in confidence to share her knowledge with others.

Class 4 – Macie for her detailed description and use of super vocabulary in her narrative piece 'Replay'.

Head Teachers Award – Grace M- for being a kind, caring and happy member of our Henshaw school family- Well done!

Learning Achievements

Class 1 - We have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man' this week. We have been creating our own beautiful gingerbread men using our crafts and we also baked and decorated gingerbread men. We did an experiment to find out what happens to gingerbread men when you put them in different liquids. We had to predict what would happen and we had some fantastic ideas. In maths we have been exploring parts of a whole. We are continuing to monitor our beans and complete our diaries. Our beans are now growing - hurrah! In RE we have continued to learn about the Nativity story and we did a great job of acting it out.

Class 2 – We have enjoyed practising our ball skills with the NUFC coach. In English we listened to the story of the Jolly Christmas Postman and wrote our own story. In Maths, Year 2 have been adding 2 digit and 1 digit numbers; Year 1 have been subtracting numbers. We also had a party in our RE lesson to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

Class 3 - Class 3 have been working on improving our sentence structure by adding fronted adverbials. We have also been learning mnemonics to spell some of our 'tricky' words. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on multiplication and division with Year 3 making arrays and fact families and Year 4 concentrating on their 6 and 9 x tables. In History, we have been finding out about Iron Age Hoards. We have completed our class text 'Stig of the Dump' and have begun to prepare for Christmas!

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 have continued to look at the film 'Replay' and changed a film into a narrative text. During Commando Joes, we had a competition to build the best shelter...great team work everyone! We have also spent some time creating Christmas Angels, to decorate the Church with for our Crib Service.

Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 6.12.21
(Please note: this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Casserole & Dumplings with Mash OR Baguette with Filling	Salmon & Dill Fishcake, Salad Potatoes OR Pasta & Chicken with Salad	Mince Pie with Mash OR Baguette with Filling	Lasagne OR Jacket Potato with Filling	Cheese Burger in a Bun, Potato Crispers OR Pasta
Beetroot/Mixed Veg	Carrot Sticks	Peas & Baby Carrots	Sweetcorn	Cucumber Sticks
Carrot Cake	Oaty Biscuit & Fruit Juice	Strawberry & Meringue Cheesecake	Pineapple Upside Down Pudding & Custard	Raspberry & White Chocolate Brownie & Milkshake
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt



SCF Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th December 2021

The children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers on

Friday 10th December, for a suggested £1 donation in aid of Save the Children Fund.

Thank you for your support



Raring2Go Magazine

The 'Winter Edition' includes useful information for local families including lots of festive, indoor and outdoor activities, crafts, recipes, competitions and more. You can read it here: <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/northumberland/winter/>

Attendance W/C 22/11/21

Reception	100
Year 1	92
Year 2	94.5
Year 3	98.2
Year 4	81.4
Year 5	100
Year 6	90
Overall	91.9%



KS1 Swimming Lessons (Years 1 & 2) – Spring Term 2022

During the Spring Term, our Key Stage 1 children will be swimming every Tuesday morning at the Wentworth Swimming Pool. The lessons will start on Tuesday 11th January and there will be 12 sessions in total.

Please could you ensure your child has their swimming kit with them on this day. Further details are included in the swimming letter sent out to parents yesterday.

A payment request has been uploaded on to School Gateway or you may pay via cash/cheque if you prefer.

Please could the permission form be returned, and payment be made, by Monday 6th December. Thank you

DfE COVID update

The DfE Covid -19 operational guidance for schools has been updated today in light of the news about the Omicron variant. A link to the updated guidance is here:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools>

A summary of key changes is as follows (please note Public Health England is now the **UK Health Security Agency**, 'UKHSA'):-

- **Tracing close contacts and isolation**

All close contacts of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant (regardless of vaccination status or age) must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test. Details about self-isolation will be provided by local health protection teams or NHS test and trace.

- **Face coverings in communal areas**

Face coverings are now recommended to be worn in communal areas for all staff and essential adult visitors

- **Vaccination**

Includes a recommendation that all school staff and eligible pupils (age 12 and above) take up a vaccine with a link to the guidance on vaccination in schools.

- **Travel and quarantine section**

The guidance states that parents travelling abroad should bear in mind the impact on their child's education which could result from a requirement to quarantine or isolate on their return.

Testing Update (DfE notification)

All schools are reminded to encourage staff to continue to test twice weekly at home using LFT testing kits.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **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

However, people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

COVID-19 symptoms may include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

We do have confirmed cases in school. Please can we remind the you to be vigilant and take your child/children for a PCR tests if they show any signs of symptoms.



Friends of Henshaw – Christmas Hamper Raffle!



Our fabulous Christmas Hampers are good to go!

Raffle tickets are on sale now, from the school office, for a £1 per strip

Good luck everyone!



Christmas Cards

If the children wish to give Christmas cards to their friends, we have a Christmas Post Box in school where they can post them!

The Post Box will be emptied during the last week of term and the cards will be handed out to the children.



Random Acts of Kindness - 'Help the Homeless' Appeal

On Friday 17th December, the staff from Berry's Tearoom in Brampton are heading into Newcastle to help the homeless. They are looking for donations and will be making up packs.

They are looking for warm clothing, hats, gloves, coats, socks etc and items like mini toiletries, hand warmers, cereal bars or anything you think that might be nice for someone who is homeless.

They can also take cash donations and this will either be converted to food vouchers or donated to the People's Kitchen at the end of the night.

Thank you all for your help in advance!

Yours

Mrs Sarah Hutchinson - Head Teacher