



HENLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15th December 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 16th

December: (1.30pm)

School Carol Service in school. All welcome and children can leave early with you if you are there.

Break up for Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 3rd January

2023: Staff Training Day.

Wednesday 4th

January: Children return to school.

Friday 10th February:

Wellbeing Day

Thursday 17th

February: Break up for February half term.

Friday 17th February:

Staff Training day

Monday 27th

February: Return to school

Wow! What a busy few weeks we have all had!! It is always lovely to be part of the school life on the run-up to Christmas—children singing, dancing and the excitement for the Christmas holidays. Everyone has worked so hard—both recently and during the last term. The recent production of 'It's Chriiiistmas!' was a testament of this. The children were fab! Thank you for helping your child with their lines and words and for the great costumes. Thank you to the PTA for organising the refreshments, the disco and the class hampers. Thank you also for your donations. Well done to Year 4 and Year 5 for their lovely Christingle service this week. Despite the venue change they still managed to impress us with their talents. During the collections at the production and the service, we collected for the Children's Society. Once we have the final amount we will let you know how much we have raised. The pantomime, Aladdin, was very funny (Oh yes, it really was!) with lots of booing and hissing! We are still waiting for payment from several children, please pay on Paypal if you haven't done so already. This week, we have also had the Christmas parties, the Christmas lunch and a Christmas jumper day. On Friday we have the Carol service, where we will also say good-bye to Reverend Ganjavi. Please join us at 1.30pm in the hall for this. The children can go home with you after this.



Royal British Legion charity: Thank you for your kind donations for the Royal British Legion. We raised £249.91.

Information for January:

PE and Forest School for Term 2 from January 2023	
Monday	PE – Y6, Y1, Reception and Nursery
Tuesday	PE – Y4-5 and Tillman Lodge
Wednesday	Welly Wednesday (Reception, Nursery and Y1) PE – Y6 Swimming – Y2/3
Thursday	
Friday	Forest School Y4/5 and Tillman Lodge PE- Y2/3

Opal update: The children are continuing to enjoy their Opal lunchtimes, especially wheelie Wednesday. More exciting things are planned for after Christmas.

Supporting children with SEN at Christmas

Time: Christmas can be a very overwhelming time for children with additional needs, particularly those with neurodiversity's or processing difficulties. Please use these websites, which provide helpful tips in supporting your child at this festive time. <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/additional-needs-disabilities/support-home-school/send-christmas/> <https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/leisure/christmas/tips> <https://www.sensationaltutors.co.uk/10-tips-for-enjoyable-christmas-children-with-sen/>

Parking: We have had several complaints from parents at our school and local residents about cars and vans parking unsafely across the pavement and on the corners of roads so that pedestrians can not cross the road safely. Please be mindful of where you parking so that we can keep everyone safe.

Our 'Certificate of Achievements' have recently been awarded to the following children:

Year 6— Gabe, Eden

Year 4/5 – Laila,

Year 2/3 – Eliza, Amelia

Year 1— Noah,

R/N— Jack, Lillie

Our 'Caught being kind' children been awarded to:

Year 6— Francesca, Alfie

Year 4/5—Rian, Billy

Year 2/3 – Ruby, Ruari

Year 1— Jimmy,

R/N— Jessie, Ernie

Our Learning Behaviours—'Effective Participator' certificates have been awarded to:

Y6— Sophie J, Alfie

Y4/5 – Georgia

Y2/3—Isla, Isabella

Y1—Georgia

R/N—Ivy, Ada

Reader leaders (for the number of Gold Readers each week in each class) have been: Y4/5 and Y6.

Attendance Trophy has been awarded to: Year 4/5 and R/N.

Housepoints so far are:

Arden	Beaudesert	DeMontfort
3621	3470	3533

We wish you all a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Jill Allen and Mrs Elaine Field

Heads of School

Autumn Term 2022

• Inset Days: Monday 5th September 2022 and Tuesday 6th September 2022

• Term starts – Wednesday 7th September 2022

• Half-term – Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

• Term ends – Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

• Term starts – Wednesday 4th January 2023

• Inset Day: Friday 17th February 2023

• Half-term – Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023

• Term ends – Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

• Term starts – Monday 17th April 2023

• Half-term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

• Inset Day – Monday 5th June 2023

• Term ends – Tuesday 25th July 2023



CHRISTMAS AT HENELY





ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2020.