

HENLEY IN ARDEN C OF E PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic week following the half term break. We have recognised this time of remembrance in preparation for Remembrance Day on 11th November. Many will have noticed the fantastic display which is outside school. A huge thank you to Miss Clark who worked tirelessly to produce this. The children across school made a variety of different poppies for this occasion.

Anti Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'. The theme of Choose Respect has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Children are welcome to wear odd socks on Tuesday.

Layer Up - Power Down

On Friday 15th November we will be lowering the thermostate in school and even challenging ourselves to turn the heating off for some of the day. This is part of our pledge to become a more eco-friendly school. Mrs Jones will be leading an assembly on this next Tuesday. She will be looking for children to join the new eco-council.

Facebook

This is a polite reminder that as per our Parent Code of Conduct parents should not use social media to write defamatory comments about the school. Any such posts or comments will be removed immediately. If you have any concerns about the school please speak with school staff directly.

Have a lovely weekend

Kate Adcock

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2024



Diary Dates can now be found on the school website using this link:
<https://www.henleyinardenprimary.org.uk/diary/grid/2024/9/>

COMING UP:

wb 11th November Anti-bullying week

Monday 11th November Diwali Dance Workshop Y1-6

Tuesday 12th November Odd Socks Day

Friday 15th November Individual and Sibling School Photos

Friday 15th November Reception Vision Screening

Friday 15th November PTA Disco 4:00-5:30

Wednesday 27th November Year 5 & 6 9:00-10:30 [Parent Workshop](#)

Friday 29th November Break the Rules Day

Tuesday 3rd December Reception & Y6 Health Check

Wednesday 27th November 9:00-10:30 Year 1 & 2 [Parent Workshop](#)

Tuesday 10th December 9:00-10:30 Y 3 & 4 [Parent Workshop](#)

Friday 13th December - Breakfast with Santa. Christmas can wear
Christmas Pyjamas for the day.

Monday 16th December - Christmas Service at St Nicholas' Church

Tuesday 17th December - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 Christmas
Party pm

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Jumper Day

Y 3,4,5,6 Christmas Concert 9:00 [Parents Welcome](#)
Christmas Dinner

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party pm

Thursday 19th December - EYFS, Y 1 & 2 Nativity 9:30 [Parents Welcome](#)

Friday 19th December Y 3 & 4 Christmas Party pm

Friday 19th December End of Term

Monday 6th January INSET Day.





Stars of the Week

Alfie
Vinny
Isla
Rauri

Value Champions



Oli
Ameliya H
Elliott
Archie

Attendance

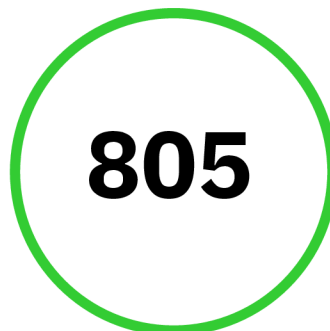
Year Group	Year to Date
Whole School	96.1%
Reception	95%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	92%



Whole School Target 96%



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Reporting Concerns

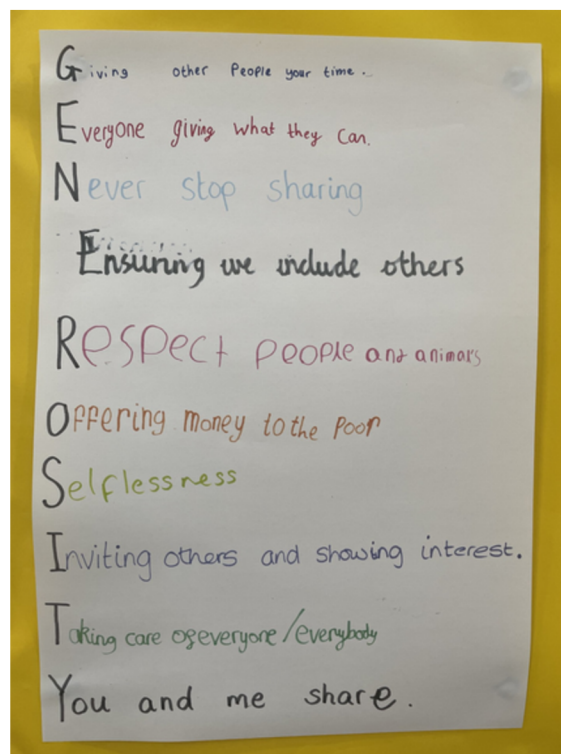
If you have a worry or concern, please speak to the class teacher at the end of the day. If you are not satisfied that your concern has been dealt with then please make an appointment with Mrs Griffin as our Assistant Head teacher. If you are still not happy, then you can make an appointment with myself through the main office. If you have a concern regarding your child's additional needs, please contact our SENCO Mrs Gray.

Values 2024-2025



Collective Worship

With the launch of our new value Generosity we collectively wrote an acrostic poem about what Generosity means to us. This can be seen on our Values display in the hall.



LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (*Platt v Isle of Wright 2017*). 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.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent i.e. the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected 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. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence. Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation.

This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- 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 – 4 in total).

- o First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

- o Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996. Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.