



HENLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th January 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20th January: Athlete (Adrian Patrick, Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist, 4 x 400m) coming into school. More details to follow.

Monday 30th January: Values home learning in.

Wednesday 8th February: SEND parent meetings. More details to follow.

Friday 10th February: Wellbeing Day

Thursday 17th February: Break up for February half term.

Friday 17th February: Staff Training day

HALF TERM

Monday 27th February: Return to school.

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day

Monday 6th March: Assessment week.

Wednesday 29th March and

Thursday 30th March: Parent consultations

Friday 31st March: Break up for Easter Holidays.

Monday 17th April: Return to school.

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the new term. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday. It has been lovely to see all of the children back in school eager and ready to learn. Last week, we celebrated 25 years of Mrs Field being at Henley with memories of her first class and classroom, giant 25 balloons, a card and crown made by the children, and a buffet provided by the staff! Congratulations to Mrs Field.

Topics for this term: This term, the whole school will be studying a topic called 'Dr!Dr! Information about what each class will be learning about can be found on our school website.

Personal learning targets: You should have received your child's new personal targets for learning. Please check their bags and reading diaries for these so that you know what you can do to support their learning at home.

Value for this half term: The new value for this half term is 'Perseverance'. Please see the attached information to share with your child regarding this. The home challenge for this half



term is as follows: *Mosaics are one of the oldest ways to make art. People have been arranging tiny coloured pieces of glass or pottery for thousands of years to create beautiful designs. But the process is*

time consuming and needs lots of perseverance. This term's Home-School Challenge is to make a mosaic picture (no bigger than A3 – 29x42cm) using small pieces of coloured paper. The subject of your mosaic is up to you. It could be a pattern or a picture. All the pictures submitted will be displayed in school. Please send into school by Monday 30th January.

Uniform: Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit. If you are unsure about what the expectations are then please visit our school website—[Uniform Information | Henley in Arden Church of England Primary School](http://henleyinardenprimary.org.uk)

Book Day: On Thursday 2 March, we will be holding our World Book Day in school with an open theme. It's personal choice for your book character. If your child would like to dress up for this, then they are more than welcome.

50 things to do at Henley: Before COVID hit we used to have a Henley passport with 50 carefully planned activities, that we as school, would organise for the children during their stay at Henley.

Year 6 recently reviewed theirs and were pleased that they had nearly completed all of the tasks. This is for us to do in school not for you to do this weekend at home as it was thought when we launched it several years ago!! Please ask your children about it. A copy can be found on the class curriculum pages

List of activities	
1. Plant bulbs and watch them grow.	27. Be a nature detective.
2. Go on a walk each season.	28. Plan and cook a meal.
3. Taste two new foods.	29. Visit a new place of worship.
4. Visit a local park.	30. Make a comic strip.
5. Visit a local restaurant.	31. Take part in a debate.
6. Paint a self-portrait.	32. Learn something new about your local area.
7. Perform a song.	33. Walk to the top of the mount
8. Post a letter.	34. Pick litter in your local area
9. Take a photograph.	35. Learn a French song.
10. Do some baking.	36. Make a launch an air powered rocket.
11. Sew.	37. Complete a piece of work inspired by an artist.
12. Record different sounds and ask others to guess what they are.	38. Try a new sport.
13. Create a piece of art for an exhibition.	39. Build a raft.
14. Perform a dance.	40. Go orienteering.
15. Make a home for an insect or small creature.	41. Work with children from another school.
16. Build a den	42. Stay away from home for a night.
17. Take a train ride.	43. Conquer fear.
18. Roll down a hill.	44. Design a product to pitch and sell.
19. Dress up as character.	45. Write a story for Reception.
20. Visit the Sea Life centre.	46. Make a film.
21. Become a nature detective.	47. Make a time capsule.
22. Learn a poem off by heart.	48. Visit a local charity and support them.
23. Perform as a class.	49. Learn about different careers.
24. Build a structure and test it.	50. Try mindfulness.
25. Design and make a board game.	
26. Try yoga.	

Our 'Certificate of Achievements' were awarded on the last day of term to the following children:

Year 6 – Gabe, Eden, Ava
Year 4/5 – Laila, Eva, William P
Year 2/3 – Amelia, Maisie, Kaiden
Year 1 – Noah, Joshua, Otis
R/N – Jack, Lillie

Our 'Caught being kind' children been awarded to:

Year 6 – Alfie, Bobby
Year 4/5 – Jenson, Aaron
Year 2/3 – Ella, Thaddeus
Year 1 – Annabelle
R/N – Ernie, Ruby

Our Learning Behaviours—'Excellent Participator' and 'Creative Thinker' certificates have been awarded to:

Y6 – Alfie, Gabe
Y4/5 – Noah, Luke
Y2/3 – Joe R, Mila
Y1 – Eliza, Eli
R/N – Ada, Ivy

Reader leaders (for the number of Gold each week in each class) have been: Y6.

Attendance Trophy has been awarded to: Year 6

Housepoints for the end of Term 1:

Arden	Beaudesert	DeMontfort
4024	3860	3960

In anticipation of your help and support in the coming term, thank you.

Mrs Gill Allan and Mrs Elaine Field

Heads of School

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





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.