

# Henley-in-Arden Church of England Primary School

"...And He took the children in His arms and blessed them"



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**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

A new year, a new beginning, a new start and hopefully all of the new pupil targets are with you for this half term. These will be reviewed at the end of this half term. Already lots of exciting things have been happening in school. Year 2 have had their 'Robot Day', Year 3 danced their way through their 'Tomb Raider Day', Nursery and Reception have been to the library and all the clubs have now started (cookery, boxercise, street dance to name a few). The whole school took part in 'World Religion Day' last week. KS2 focused on the 'golden rule' and how we can practice empathy and compassion and they looked at how we would want to be treated. KS1 looked at what makes us the same and different. The outcomes of these are displayed in the school.



## NSPCC Number day

This Friday, **2<sup>nd</sup> February**, we will be holding our number day. We are encouraging the children to dress up with a number theme, time, numbers, measures. If you are struggling – sports shirts are great!

## Attendance

Please remember to call the school office **before 9.00am**, if your child is absent. If no phone call is made and we cannot contact you, your child will receive an unauthorised absence on the register. Our current average attendance figure is 96%. The national average is 96%.

## IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

If you have changed your phone number or moved house, please make sure that you have informed the office of your current up to date number. We have had several incidents where the family contact details at school are not up to date. It is better that we have two contact numbers for your family.



## Reading Focus

Our 'Reader leader' are calculated by the number of times each child reads at home. 6-7 times makes your child a gold reader. These are the scores for gold level readers so far this half term:

Class	12.1.18	19.1.18	26.1.18
Reception	-	-	53%
Year 1	49%	42%	60%
Year 2	60%	64%	68%
Year 3	50%	54%	62%
Year 4	75%	60%	68%
Year 5	54%	68%	62%
Year 6	75%	68%	58%



**WINNER FOR THE WEEK**



**Mothers' Day Service**, led by R, Y1 and Y2 Friday 9 March.

**Easter Service** in church on Tuesday 27 March at 9.30am

## House captain points so far:

ARDEN	BEAUDESERT	DEMONTFORT
980	973	999



**WELL DONE:** To the children at Henley. We have recently had several visitors into school. Each of them have made positive comments about the behaviour of our children at Henley. Comments about how calm the school was, how well behaved the children are compared to other schools they visit, and how polite our children are. Mr. Tillman, our chair of governors, visited the school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January and was very impressed with the calm atmosphere in school, the behaviour of the children, how smart they all looked, how polite they were, but also how well the children were explaining and reasoning in maths lessons. He was also impressed with the fact that we have a girls' football team! Well done to all of our children at Henley!

**WE ARE EXCITED that** we have been picked as one of the 20 schools in the country to take part in a 'Space to Earth' day. More information will follow. Watch this space!

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Last Friday we celebrated the achievements of Mrs. Field, who has been teaching at Henley for 20 years! In a surprise assembly Molly and Ellen in year 6 shared a poem that they had written about her, Mr Tillman, Chair of the Governors, talked about Mrs. Field's dedication and hard work for the school, the staff presented gifts and an email was shared from an ex-pupil. Slightly shocked, Mrs. Field enjoyed her day with her class who thought that she was 20 years old! Thank you Mrs. Field for everything you do for us at Henley!

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the children who are the first to receive our new 50 house point certificates. Keep working hard to gain your house points, there is a 100 certificate next.

**WHAT'S NEW:** The children are very excited about our two new weekly awards which will be starting this week. One will be for the class mathematician of the week and the other will be for the best presentation of the week. This can also be for an improvement in presentation as well as for sustained, daily pride taken in work.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to our new House Captains for this half term:

- Arden: Finlay Mansell-Shelton and Eddie Palmer-Gee
- Beaudesert: Molly Vondrak and Mollie Easton
- DeMontfort: Nancy Bettam And Izzy Norman

**REQUESTS:** if you have any spare time to come in and help with any class admin jobs or to become a member of our 'Reading army' please contact the school office.

**REMINDER - SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disability):** If you need to speak to us about your child's special education needs or a disability, the class teacher is your first point of call, but Miss Maxfield is also available to speak to you. Please call the office if you would like to book an appointment with her.

**REMINDER:** Our school website <http://www.henleyinardenprimary.org.uk/> has all of the latest up-to-date information about your class, term dates, topic information and photos of the class. Please take a look at some of the great things that are happening at Henley. You will also see a photo of Mr. Adam Walsh, our new executive Head Teacher.

**REMINDER:** All bags need to be small enough to fit onto a peg with approx. 15cm width. Years 1-5 are allowed a school book bag (that is stored in a box) and a drawer string bag for their PE kit. Year 6 are allowed a school bag, which can be a small rucksack, but it must be able to fit within the width of the pegs. If your child needs to bring in extra kit or clothes for an after school club or for an after school activity, then the class teacher will arrange an alternative storage place.

**REMINDER:** KS2 are allowed **one reasonable sized pencil case** which will fit into your child's drawer.

**SAFETY:** We have had several children commenting on the online games that they have been playing on at home. Some of these have included 'Grand Theft Auto' and 'Call of Duty'. These games are rated 18 and over and are not suitable for primary aged children. We ask you to be vigilant with your children when playing computer games at home.

**SAFETY:** Now that the garages by school are about to be demolished, the back school gate by the field will be open for you to use in the morning and afternoon. Please take care whilst walking along the path by the garages.

**REMINDER:** Please complete the parent questionnaires that were sent out this week and return to school at your earliest convenience.

## **LEAVE OF 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 are 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).

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

## KEY DATES

Day	Time	Event
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	All day	NSPCC charity maths day- dress up with a maths theme. A letter has been sent out about this event.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30-3.30pm	Drop in session - Meet Mr. Walsh, our new Executive Head Teacher
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	pm	Y6 Stratford indoor athletics event
	6pm	PTA AGM at the Nags Head
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Lunch time	Golden Table
	All day	Year 6 Arts Day at Henley High School.
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	All day	Y5 Cadbury World visit
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45-3.15pm	Mothers' Day Service in school
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Y3 Earthing project
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	All day	Sport Relief Day (charity event)
	Lunch time	Golden Table
	5.00-6.15pm	School Disco
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30-6.00pm	Parents Evening
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00-7.30pm	Parents Evening
	9.30am	Easter Service in church
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Break up for Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>Back to School – Term 3 begins</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	All week	Year 6 SATs
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Break up for Summer Holidays</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>Return to school</b>

<b>TERM DATES FOR 2017-2018</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017</b>
	<b>Half term: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
	<b>Half term: 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> April - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b>
	<b>Bank holiday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>
	<b>Half term: 28<sup>th</sup> May -1<sup>st</sup> June 2018</b>