

Handale Primary School

Newsletter 15th July 2022



As we approach the end of another academic year I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children, parents and staff of Handale Primary School, I can honestly say what an amazing year it has been for many reasons. The children have coped really well catching up with their learning due to COVID, represented the school on many many sporting events over the year, with huge success. To name but a few more, a wonderful beach day and the amazing sports week by Mr Farrier planned, during this week the children really did show commitment and resilience.

WELL DONE EVERYBODY AND THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY JOB A PLEASURE!

Year 6

As we finish the month of July we need to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They will be leaving Handale Primary School to move on to pastures new. We would like to wish them all well and remind them all to remain positive and reach for the stars! We are very proud of the young citizens they have become.



School Dinners

From 5th September Handale Primary School will be reducing the cost of school meals. We have taken this decision as the cost of living increases and we would like to offer support to parent as much as possible. Therefore, we will be charging £1.00 per child per day, this will be reviewed at the end of the academic year. If your child is currently on packed lunches and would like to take advantage of this, please contact Mrs Rowe in the office on 01287 640416 before the end of this term. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, so there will be no charge still for dinners.

If you think you could be entitled to free school meals it is important to check. This can be done easily by applying through the parent portable <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/free-school-meals> or via 01642 526605. Even if your child is entitled to Universal free school meals we urge parents to apply to see if you are entitled, as this brings extra income into school to support children's learning.

School Day

The government have announced that all schools from September must offer 32.5 hours of learning per week for all children in school, therefore the school day will be changed from September 2022. The school day will commence at 8.45am instead of 8.50am. The gates will still open at 8.30am form children to arrive before this time.



Uniform

I know some parents have been asking about uniform and wanting to get organised for next year, so I just wanted to confirm school uniform expectations. The uniform for Handale Primary School consists of a yellow/white polo shirt with a royal blue cardigan/jumper. Children can wear black/grey trousers/skirt (No leggings). Shoes/trainers should be black.

School PE kit - white t-shirt with black shorts during the summer and during the colder weather they can wear plain black leggings/joggers with trainers/plimsols. Children can wear their jumper/cardigan on these days too.

Next year we have made the decision that children come into school dressed in their PE kits on the day they do PE. The aim of this is cut down on lost learning time while pupils are getting changed and to avoid forgetting PE footwear.

Punctuality/Attendance

Just a quick reminder that we expect all children to be in school for 8.45am (gates open at 8.30am). Children after this time will need to come through the office entrance and will receive a late mark. Attendance in school is vitally important as it impacts on learning and children can miss such a lot. Children need to be in school as much as possible.



Sports Week

This term has been amazing, the children thoroughly enjoyed sports week with the mountain of activities planned. Over the holidays the school website will be updated and all of the photos will be displayed for parents to look through. I would just like to thank Mr Farrier on behalf of Handale for his super organisational skills during this week, things like this don't just happen.



Beach Day

What an amazing trip out with the children from Year 2 to Year 6+! The children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was wonderful to see the whole school having so much fun. Again photos from the day will be uploaded to the school website during the holidays.



School Fair

I would just like to thank the 'Friends of Handale' for an amazing school fair. It was wonderful to see children and parents having a wonderful time together. Thank you for your continued support as parents. The Friends of Handale raised a whopping amount of £1450.



Leavers

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Miss Dollard, who will be Year 4 class teacher next year. Miss Johnston will be a new teaching assistant joining us in Year 2 and Mrs Richardson will be joining us in Year 4 as the class teaching assistant from September 2022.

Sadly, we saying goodbye to Miss Arnold, Miss Ross, Mr Bell and Miss Cherry from Year 5. We wish them all well as they move on. Miss Jacques-Hale will also be leaving us to go to university, we would like to wish her good luck in her new chosen career path.

School Dog

We would like to welcome Beau, the school therapy dog into school. Beau is still in training and is not yet in classes supporting children, but will be from September. There are many benefits to having a therapy dog in a school setting, the main one being the health and well-being of both Pupils and Staff alike. A dog has an immediate calming effect by just being near. Beau is a Cockerpoo; he very calm, affectionate and very gentle natured. He is a much-loved staff member and an integral part of the Handale School family. Generally, Cockapoos are extremely friendly, easily trained, energetic dogs whose curly coats, low-shedding coats are particularly good for allergy sufferers. If parents have any questions please direct them to Mrs Padgett in the school office.

2022 Important Dates

- 18.07.2022 Year 6 leavers assembly 1.30pm. Year 6 parents invited
- 19.07.2022 Colour Run 2pm, parents are welcome to watch and the children can go home after. Please remember to send the children in old clothes on this day.
- Last day of the summer term.



School Term and Holiday Dates

Academic Year 2022/23 Final Version

	AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER							JANUARY						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30					
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24	31					
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25						
Thursday	4	11	18	25		1		8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26						
Friday	5	12	19	26		2		9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27						
Saturday	6	13	20	27		3		10	17	24		1		8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28						
Sunday	7	14	21	28		4		11	18	25		2		9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25		1		8	15	22	29						
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190 PUPIL ATTENDANCE DAYS + 5 PD DAYS

	Bank Holiday
	School Holiday
	PD Days

The number of term days shown is 195.
Five professional development (PD) days for teaching staff to be arranged; pupils will not attend school on these days.