



# Handale Primary School

Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023



## Welcome to the New School Year!

We would like to wish all pupils, staff and parents / carers a warm welcome back to Handale Primary School in this new academic year. We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and are feeling rested, refreshed and energised ready for the excitement, fun and challenges of school.

## Healthy Snack and Packed Lunches

Please can we remind everyone to send in healthy snacks and packed lunches for children. It is vital that children are eating nutritious snacks and packed lunches at school. This will help children to stay fit and healthy; focus in lessons and thrive socially and emotionally. May we also remind you that we are a nut- free school. If you would like any further advice or ideas for healthy packed lunches, please do not hesitate to contact the school. If your child has a school lunch, please make payments through ParentPay (not School Grid). Meals cost £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week.

Thank you for your patience with the new school meal system, we have encountered a few problems, the two companies are now working together to rectify this.

We have noticed a few children bringing juice into school for the classroom. Having enough to drink is a key factor to improving the performance and behaviour of children at school. Water is one of the best fluids to have. It has none of the health problems associated with drinks containing sugar, additives, sweeteners, acids or caffeine. Whilst we understand that juice often tastes nicer, we know that the constant drinking of juice throughout the day is one of the biggest causes of plaque and tooth decay. Juice is only allowed with packed lunches, at lunchtime. Juice should not be used to fill our water bottles.

## School Uniform



It has been wonderful seeing all of the children looking really smart in their school uniform. From now on we are asking parents to order school uniform directly from Lollipops Children's Clothes website.

[www.lollipops-middlesbrough.co.uk](http://www.lollipops-middlesbrough.co.uk)

Please could you ensure all items of your child's uniform are clearly marked with their name. If any items not belonging to your child manages to find their way to your home, please send them back to school so that they can reach their rightful owner.

## Flu vaccines

Please make sure you return your child's Flu vaccine consent form by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September am to ensure they are collected by the school nursing team. Forms after this will not be accepted.

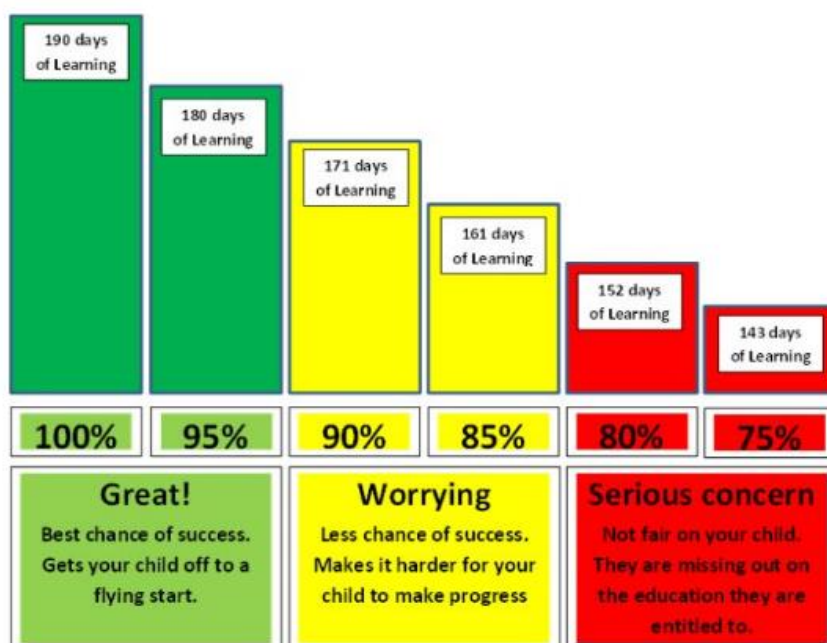
## Attendance

Like all parents, you will want your child to do the best they can at school, and we are grateful for the crucial role you play in supporting them to do this. Supporting them to attend on time each day, as well as supporting them to complete homework is part of the reason our children achieve as well as they do.

Families that take holidays in term time, for whatever reason, have a significant impact on their child's attendance and therefore on achievement. We need your support to reverse this.

We all have a legal duty to ensure our children will reach their full potential by attending school if they are able. All the evidence clearly shows that pupils with excellent attendance achieve better at school. Just a gentle reminder that the school gates open at 8.30am for children to come into school, but they close at 8.45am. We understand some children are coming in late which impacts significantly on their education, as we utilise very second of the day for learning.

If you are having problems with getting your child to attend for reasons other than a holiday, please speak to me as soon as possible so that we can work together to resolve this.



## Holidays in Term Time and Unauthorised Absences



### School Term and Holiday Dates

#### Academic Year 2023/24

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Monday	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
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	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
Thursday	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
Friday	4 11 18 25	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	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
Sunday	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

	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Monday	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Friday	2 9 16 23	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Saturday	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Sunday	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28

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.

As a reminder, please see below holidays for the Academic Year 2023/2024. Holidays should only be booked within these dates. No holidays will be authorised outside of these dates unless they meet the special circumstance criteria. If you are intending to take holidays during term time please make sure you complete a holiday form so we know where your child is. This is imperative to ensure our safeguarding procedures are followed.

## Reception Intake 2024

If you have a child that is due to start school next September (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) the on-line application system will open on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ([www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions)). Applications should be made by the 15th January 2024. You should apply to the council where you reside (pay your council tax). Please spread the word amongst the community for parents who have children of school age next year. Any queries please contact the Office.

## Secondary School Applications

Secondary School 2024 Online Application is open. Parents with children in Year 6 have until 31st October to complete the online application. You should apply through Redcar and Cleveland Council portal.

## After School Clubs

After school clubs will be starting on Monday. Clubs on offer this term are...

Gymnastics	Y1-Y4	Monday 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Miss Thompson
Multi-Sport	Y1 - Y3	Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Coultas
Football	Y4 –Y6	Thursday 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Coultas
Story Art	Rec – Y2	Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Farrier
Science	Y3 – Y5	Monday 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Miss Johnston
Fitness Fun	Y3-Y6	Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Farrier
Book/Library Club	Y4-Y6	Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Emmerson/Mrs Moore
Handale Society	Y3-Y6	Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Padgett/Mrs Oakley

## Drop Off Times

Please could we kindly ask parents to drop your children off at the gates rather than taking them round to the classroom doors. We ask this as we are trying to build children's resilience and independence. We do understand that some children will struggle with this so staff will be at the gate to support with this. If you need to speak to the class teacher, please ask in the office.

## Concerned About a Child?

Did you know that there is a number to call if you have any concerns about the welfare of a child. You can share these concerns anonymously so you are not put off by concerns that your identity would be known. It may help a child in need if you take the time to pick up the phone and call the Redcar and Cleveland Social Services Team or use the link below.

[www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/children-and-families-services/concerns-about-a-child](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/children-and-families-services/concerns-about-a-child)

Email: [RedcarMACH@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:RedcarMACH@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01642 130700

[Report a concern about a child](#) in school, please speak to Mrs Padgett, Mrs Farrier or Miss Tully

## Important dates

### Class Assemblies @2.30pm - Parents Invited

Year 6	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Year 5	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024
Year 4	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Year 3	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Year 2	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024
Year 1	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
Reception	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Term Dates...

Y2 Afternoon Tea Party	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023 Parents Invited. More information closer to the time
Halloween Disco	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Parent Evening	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November/ Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Children In Need	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Robinwood Y3/Y4	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023
Reception Scarecrow Celebration - Parents invited. More information closer to the time	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Christmas dates will follow shortly.