



Handale Primary School

Newsletter 17th November 2023



Great Start!

A great start to this half-term. It was wonderful to see the turn out for parents evening this week, we like nothing more than to celebrate your children's achievements with you. Our children here at Handale continue to be excellent role models and demonstrate examples of our school values: respect, team work, resilience, kindness, ambition and fairness. This makes our school community such a wonderful place to be a part of.

We believe that all children are unique and learn in different ways, so our approach ensures that children are supported with learning about positive behaviour just as they are supported with their academic learning. If you would like any more information please see our behaviour policy on the school website.

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.**

Free School Meals

We are aware that home circumstances change. If this happens school are able check to see if your child is entitled to free school meals. All that is required is your national insurance number and the date of birth of the parent. If you think this might be the case, please nip into the office and we can apply for you. If your child is entitled then they will receive this for the next 6 years.

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

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.

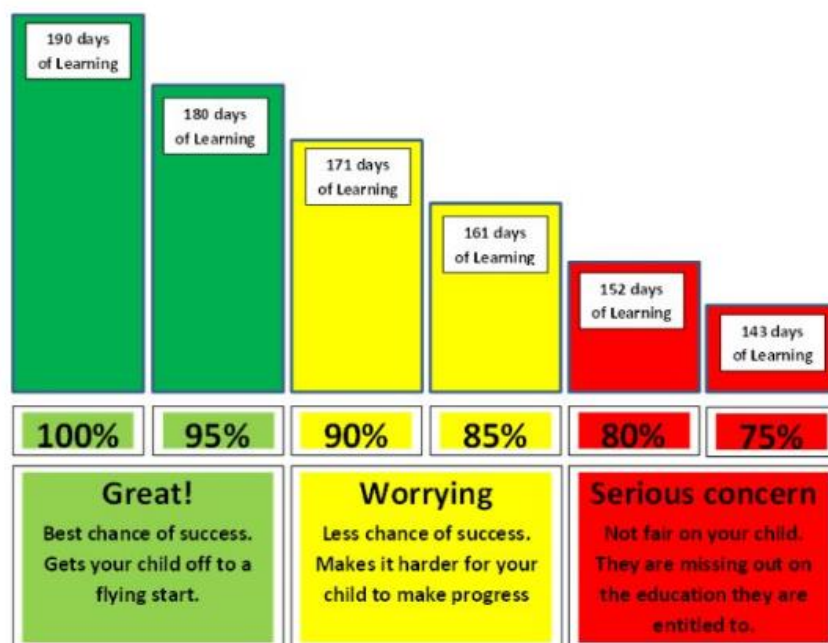
Attendance

Please ensure you adhere to your child's school start time. Children should not be coming into school late through the school office. They should also be picked up at their allocated time and not collected from the office early. We ask that where possible any appointments are made out of school time. If this is not possible and your child has an appointment, please bring a copy of your appointment letter to the office. Children coming to school late and leaving early are missing valuable learning time which can have a long-lasting

impact on their progress - it also interrupts the learning of all children in the class. Thank you for your continued support

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 every 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.



Children's Mobile Phones

We are aware that more of our children are bringing mobile phones into school as they feel more secure walking to and from home with them. School policy is that all mobiles are either handed into the school office on a morning or locked away in the classroom's lockable cupboard. This is for safeguarding reasons. Please could you discuss this with your child if they bring their phone into school.

Unwanted Visitors in Hair

We have had a few reports of head lice in children's hair. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if required.

Harvest Festival



The pupils of Handale Society After School Club wanted to thank all of the pupils and parents that supported our food donations this year. The pupils all made up hampers and delivered them to the East Cleveland Good Neighbours Support and Food Bank where they will be distributed to families who need help.

We are very proud of them.



Scarecrow Competition

A huge congratulations to the children who attend Handale Society. They made and created an amazing scarecrow display on the school grounds. And thank you to all that voted for us, we WON! So thank you to Hope Church for our prize!

School Carpark

Please could I ask parents to refrain from using the staff carpark for drop offs and collections unless this has been agreed through school. Only staff and visitors are insured to bring vehicles on site. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Leavers

I would just like to congratulate Miss Stone and wish her well as she commences her maternity leave today. Miss Stone will be replaced by Mrs Baker on Monday when the children return to school. Mrs Baker has been into school several times over the past couple of weeks to get to know the children. She will be a great asset while Miss Stone is enjoying motherhood.


Individual Photographs

The photographer will be coming back into school on Friday 8th December at 8.30am to take photos of the children who were absent previously. If your child did not have their photo taken last time and do not normally attend school on a Friday (Nursery and Pre-Nursery) you are welcome to bring your child in at 8.30am.

Holidays in Term Time and Unauthorised Absences

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.



School Term and Holiday Dates

Academic Year 2023/24

	AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER							JANUARY																										
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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.

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 is **now open** (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.

Conduct on School Grounds

There have been a few reports this week about the use of inappropriate language that both children and parents are hearing on the school grounds. Please could I kindly remind everybody that this is not acceptable.

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

Parking Concerns

Please be mindful about parking at drop off and pick up times for the safety of pedestrians. There are residential driveways close to school, these should not be parked over or obstructed. Thank you for your help with this.

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

Email: 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 5	Thursday 23 rd May 2024
Year 4	Thursday 25 th April 2024
Year 3	Thursday 18 th January 2024
Year 2	Friday 2 nd February 2024
Year 1	Thursday 21 st March 2024
Reception	Thursday 13 th June 2024

Christmas Dates parents invited... (more information will follow)

Nursery/Reception Christmas performance	18.12.2023 @10am
Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance	19.12.2023 @9.30am
Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance	19.12.2023 @2pm
Year 5 and 6 Performance at Church	20.12.2023 @10.30am

Term Dates...

Robinwood Y3/Y4	Monday 20 th November to Wednesday 22 nd November 2023
Mini Christmas Craft Sale	Friday 1 st December 2023 @ 3.15pm
Pantomime with Friends of Handale - return approx. 5pm	Wednesday 13 th December 2023
Christmas dinner in school - children can wear Christmas jumpers	Thursday 14 th December 2023
Friends of Handale Bingo Event	Thursday 14 th December 2023
Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 Christmas Party - children can come to school in their party clothes.	Monday 18 th December 2023
Nursery Christmas party - children can come to school in their party clothes.	Wednesday 20 th December 2023 more information to follow.
Year 5 and 6 Christmas party - children can come to school in their party clothes.	Thursday 21 st December 2023