



# HENLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8th November

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 8th November:**  
Dance workshops in school.

**Thursday 11th November:**  
Remembrance service led by Year 6.

**Monday 15th November:**  
Individual photographs.  
Anti-Bullying week starts with odd-sock day.

**Monday 22nd November:**  
Assessment week.

**Friday 3rd December:**  
launch sessions for Mental Health Champions.

**Monday 6th December:** Y5 and Y1/2 Mental Health Champion workshops.

**Tuesday 7th December:** Y6 and Y3/4 Mental Health Champion workshops.

**Friday 10th December:**  
School Christmas Fair (3.15pm-5.00pm –outside). Parents welcome.

**Monday 13th December:**  
KS1 party day  
Y5 Christingle service in school. Recording will be put onto class TEAMS page.

**Tuesday 14th December:**  
Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 15th December:**  
Pantomime in school

**Thursday 16th December:**  
KS2 party day

**Friday 17th December:**  
Christmas Community Performance at 1.00 outside. Parents welcome.  
Break up for Christmas Holidays.  
Children can leave early with their parents straight after.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
**Tuesday 4th January 2022,**  
Staff training day  
**Wednesday 5th January:**  
Children return to school

### TERM DATES FOR 2021-2022

**Autumn Term 2021 - Monday 6th September 2021 - Friday 17th December 2021**  
Half term – Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021  
Inset Days: Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September 2021

**Spring Term 2022 - Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Friday 8th April 2022**  
Half term – Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022  
Inset Days: Tuesday 4th January 2022 and Friday 18th March 2022

**Summer Term 2022 - Monday 25th April 2022 - Thursday 21st July 2022**  
Half term – Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022  
Inset Day: Monday 6th June 2022

**Tillman Lodge Specialist Resource Provision** is now open: The staff, Miss Maxfield and Miss Satchwell are joined by two new members of our team -Mrs. Rabidas and Mrs. Hunter, our Family Wellbeing Facilitator. We welcome them to the Henley team. The building looks fantastic and inside there are some amazing work areas, including a kitchen, sensory room, Thrive room, 2 new classrooms and small group meeting rooms. We will be having a formal opening in the summer when the weather is warmer.

**Parent consultations:** Thank you for attending the recent parent consultations. We had a few technical issues; luckily we managed to speak to everyone who made appointments. We hope that you found them informative and you now have a clear plan for how you can support your child at home with their learning

**Year 3/4 Harvest Festival:** Year 3/4 recently led our school Harvest festival. If you haven't had chance to see their performance it is on their class TEAMS page. They all spoke and sang very well. Well done Year 3/4.

**Well being and mental health awareness day:** The children and staff all thoroughly enjoyed the day, with a wealth of activities including listening to music, art, creating moods and feelings in clay and play dough, playing parachute games, testing their sense of smell and taste, doing puzzles, Forest School, taking part in yoga sessions, and deciding themselves what they would do to help their well-being.

**Mental Health Champions:** We have signed up to become Mental Health Champions. As part of the training, Years 1-6 will learn about their own mental health and then learn strategies to support themselves but also how to recognise when their friends are struggling.

**Sal's Shoes:** Thank you for supporting the recent non-uniform day for Sal's shoes charity. We will be sending the shoes collected last term and the money to the charity. Thank you for helping our children to make a difference to others.

**Remembrance:** Poppies and other memorabilia are on sale in school and the funds will be collected for the Royal British Legion. The children can bring in donations for these. Year 6 will be selling these items daily.

**Anti-bullying week:** We will be launching this with an 'Odd Sock Day' on Monday 15th November. Apart from the odd socks, normal school uniform is expected. The event is not only a great way to express our uniqueness, it also promotes a good cause. The day is to remind us to think about our words before we say them and their effects on others. We will also be carrying out various other activities during the week with the key message that bullying is 'several times on purpose' and 'start telling other people'.



**Christmas at Henley:** we have lots of exciting activities planned for our children: Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, Christmas parties, Christmas fair, Pantomime and our school community performance. To allow parents to watch the performance, we will be staging this outside on the last day of term at 1.00pm. It will be themed around the Christmas story and there will be lots of opportunities for you to join in with our community event. The children will need to be warm so they will need to be in their warm coats, gloves and hats. After the performance the children will be able to go home early with you.

**Football linked to reading session with Tom Palmer (author):** Year 5 took part in a live football session and were thrilled with their 'Year 5 shout out' on the live show.

**Thrive:** We are still looking for play equipment for our Thrive rooms in school. If you have any small world toys, that are unwanted, please send them our way. Thank you for helping us with this, every little helps.

**Weather change:** A reminder that all of the children need to keep their wellies or a change of shoes in school in a carrier bag so that they can access the field when their class has access to it—which can be all weathers. In addition, as part of our COVID guidance, we need to keep all classrooms well ventilated. The windows are kept open and the rooms can become chilly. Your child can wear the school fleece or a plain navy blue jumper/fleece/sweatshirt on top of their normal school uniform. For PE days the children will also need to keep warm and can wear plain navy tracksuits.

**Collective Worship and Celebration Assembly:** This half term we have been focussing on 'Service' and we have started to hold some of our collective worships in the hall. Your child will be bringing home a sheet of activities that you could do at home to develop the value of service. Please send any pieces of work in that they do –so that we can promote this value further. You can also access resources around service on our school website on the 'Values and Ethos' page.

**Sports Leaders:** Well done to our leaders who attended the training with Neil Supperstone. Now that the bubbles have been removed they can now start leading play sessions outside with the younger children.

**Our 'Certificate of Achievements'** have recently been awarded to the following children:

- Year 5 –Gabriel M, Francesca
- Year 3/4 –Freya, Oliver
- Year 1/2 –Parker, Milly, Isabella, Lucas, Isla, Monty
- Reception– Eli

**-Our 'Caught being kind' children are:**

- Year 5 –Ethan, Sophie J
- Year 3/4 –Ellis, Jenson
- Year 1/2– Isabella, Jackson, Thomas F, Maisie-Rose
- Reception –Eliza

**Reader leaders have been: Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5**  
Thank you for your continuing support, we really do appreciate it

Mrs Jill Allen and Mrs Elaine Field

Heads of School

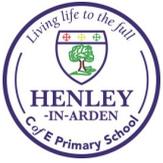




# 'LIVING LIFE IN ITS FULLNESS'

## OUR WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY





## 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.**