



# Handale Primary School

Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## NEWSLETTER

### A few words from Mrs Padgett...

It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back to Handale Primary School after the summer holidays. This week the children have been absolutely amazing. They have been so enthusiastic about learning, what a year we are going to have learning together!



We have started the year well supporting the Tour de Britain bike ride through Loftus this week, the children were all out cheering on the riders, great atmosphere.

### 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. **Meals cost £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week.**

If children are wanting to change from dinners to packed lunches or vice versa, the office require half a term notice please as food orders are placed in advance. Thank you.

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.

[Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](https://cloudforedu.org.uk)

### Uniform



The children look amazing in their new uniform, thank you. Please could we ask that you write your child's name in all jumpers, hoodies, cardigans, polo shirts and coats. The children do like to take them off at lunch time as they get too hot running around and we generally have piles of them with no owners.

Please could you check, children should not be coming to school wearing jewelry, this is for their safety. We will be asking children to remove these items in school. Please leave bracelets and earrings at home.

## On-Line Safety

Online safety contracts for pupils and parents to sign will be going home this week. Please could you read these with your children and discuss them and sign and return to school as soon as possible.

## Fundraisers

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 9am-11am, Friends of Handale will be holding a coffee morning in school to raise money for Teesside Hospice, as they have been instrumental in supporting one of our families through difficult times. Emma Matthews was a dedicated member of Friends of Handale, before her battle with Cancer. All donations of cakes are welcome. It would be lovely to see a full house for such a worthy cause.

## Water Bottles

Friends of Handale have kindly purchased a water bottle for every child in school, therefore children do not need to bring their own in unless it is part of their packed lunch.

## Parking

As the colder weather approaches us please can we ask that parents are considerate with parking. We have received complaints from residents of inconsiderate parking. Please could we ask that you use the car park at the side of school to avoid the congestion on West Road.

Please could we ask that parents do not pull into or park in the staff car park.

## Parents Evening

These will be held twice a year, once in the autumn term and another in the spring. This will take place in the school hall. The booking form will be shared with you a couple of weeks before. This will allow you to book a time to see each teacher that is convenient to you. In the summer term, parents and carers will receive a written end of year report.

Autumn Parents Evening for all classes:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024      3.30pm to 5.30pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024      3.30pm - 4.30pm

Spring Parents Evening for all classes:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025      3.30pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025      3.30pm - 4.30pm for Nursery/Reception/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y5

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025      3.30pm - 4.30pm Y4/Y6

## Christmas

Christmas is always an exciting time in school and we are hoping to make this year more exciting than ever! We will be holding Christmas parties and Christmas lunch/jumper day in school as well as Christmas parties for each class.

Children will have a party tea, receive a gift from a special visitor and have the opportunity to have fun with their friends. Again, more information will be shared with you nearer the time.

Friends of Handale have been exceptionally generous, through your support, and are heavily subsidising a visit to the pantomime.

Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be holding their much-loved nativities and Christmas plays with you in December. This Year 3-4 will be holding an Easter performance in the church for parents to attend.

- 12.12.2024 Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 16.12.2024 Nursery/Reception Christmas Party
- 17.12.2024 Y5/Y6 Christmas service in church 10am
- 17.12.2024 Y1/Y2 Christmas performance in school 2pm
- 18.12.2024 Christmas party Reception - Y2 am
- 18.12.2024 Christmas party Y3-Y6 pm
- 19.12.2024 Pantomime leaving at 9am

More information to follow closer to the time.

## Apps



I just wanted to share an app I discovered recently called Life360. The Life360 app is designed to **help families and friends stay connected and coordinated**. It can be used to see loved ones' locations, receive notifications when they arrive at and/or leave places, get alerted if they need help, and even help find them if they get lost. The best part is that the app is free.

I have used this over the holidays and it has been brilliant, as a parent it has given me reassurance.

## Asda

Handale Primary School have now signed up to the Asda Cashpot for Schools. Please help us to raise money by: We are already up to £151! AMAZING!

**you scan,  
WE DONATE  
££s TO  
SCHOOLS.**



**Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools**

[Cashpot for Schools Terms & Conditions](#)    [Asda Rewards terms & Conditions](#)

**1**

**Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app**

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

**2**

**Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com**

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

**3**

**Asda does the rest**

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

**Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.**

# 2024-2025 Holidays in Term Time and Unauthorised Absences



## School Term and Holiday Dates

Academic Year 2024 / 2025

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Monday	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
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	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
Friday	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
Saturday	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
Sunday	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

  

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

190 PUPIL ATTENDANCE DAYS + 5 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 2024/2025. 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.

Please be aware that the PD Days may

change.

## 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	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 5	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 4	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 3	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 2	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Year 1	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Reception	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Nursery	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July

### Friends of Handale Events...

Halloween Disco	23.10.2024 Rec-Y2 then Y3-Y5
Christmas Bingo	10.12.2024
Christmas Fair	13.12.2024
Valentines Disco	12.02.2025 Rec-Y2 then Y3-Y5
Easter Bingo	09.04.2025
Cake Sale	16.05.2025
Colour Run	04.07.2025
Summer Fair	15.07.2025

Term dates: Please see the timetable above