



Handale Primary School

Newsletter 20th May 2024



A few words from Mrs Padgett...

It has certainly been a really busy term! I wanted to start by praising our children in Year 6 who sat their statutory test last week. They approached them with great determination and positivity, making us exceptionally proud. No matter the outcome it does not measure your children's talents, manners and beauty.

So it's unsurprising that the poem is being shared so widely. It reads...

SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,

SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,

SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,

SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,

SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.

Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.

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



As we are heading towards the end of the summer term, please bear in mind that the clothing companies get busy with orders for the up and coming year, so please make sure you order your uniform in advance if you require it for the beginning of September 2024.

www.lollipops-middlesbrough.co.uk

We have noticed a number of children coming to school in unsuitable footwear, school policy stipulates black shoes or plain black trainers (not white or any other colours). If you need any support with uniform please see Miss Tully or Mrs Padgett, who will be happy to help.

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 earring at home.

On-Line Safety - Phones

More recently we are having to deal with issues from outside of school with children being unkind to each other on social media. We are aware that a lot of the apps children use now have an age limit above primary school children. If as a parent your child is using them it is important that they know how to conduct themselves and stay safe. We constantly address this in school, supporting all children in understanding their presence on social media and the affects it can have on others.

How to start a conversation with your child about using a phone safely:

Why do you want to get a phone?

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first phone can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use their phone for. This could be for connecting with friends, playing games, for keeping in touch whilst out of the house or other reasons.

What do you like about using your phone?

You can ask your child about their favourite apps or games, what they like using their phone for, or you can ask them to show you how to play or use their favourite game or website.

What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your phone?

You can ask them about the places they can go to find the safety advice, find out what they know about privacy settings, and ask them how to report or block on the services they use.

How can we do more online together?

Ask your child about activities or games that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a [family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.

Top tips

Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.

Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.

Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

For more support [Phones - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Mental Health Ambassadors



Congratulations to our Headstarters who have achieved their Bronze and Silver awards this term. We are so proud of your efforts in becoming mental health ambassadors for the school. These children will be there to support their peers around school with the skills they have gained. Amazing!

Fundraisers

Wow! Our Year 6 pupils and parents have been amazing raising money for all of the activities the children want to explore on their residential to London in June. With the money raised they are going to have a experience to remember. Thank you to everybody involved, including the staff too! Thank you to everybody for supporting the events, it really does mean a lot.

Youth Club

We have had a great start and turn out to the youth club held at Handale Primary School. The children have been amazing and enjoyed activities in a safe environment.

Stay and Play Sessions



It has been wonderful to see all of the babies and younger children along with their parents attending our Wednesday and Saturday sessions (9am-10.30am). They have had great fun. All are welcome.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Mrs Kentfield- Howe and family on the safe delivery of their beautiful son. They are all doing well and looking forward to some lovely family time together.

I would also like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Farrier on the safe delivery of their beautiful son. They are all enjoying time together as family.

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	8 15 22 29
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	5 12 19 26	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

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 23rd May 2024

Reception Thursday 13th June 2024

22 July 2024 Children off PD Day

22 July until 3 September 2024 Summer Holidays

Term Dates...

WC 27.05.2024	Half Term Pupils off
03.06.2024	Children return back to school
07.06.2024	Year 5 camp out
WC 10.06.2024	Year 1 Phonic screen test week
11.06.2024	Y3/Y4 Olympic event @Hummersea
17.06.2024	R/Y1/Y2 Olympic event @ St Josephs
18.06.2024 - 19.06.2024	Year 6 London Residential

21.06.2024	Class Photo Day
24.06.2024	Y5/Y6 Olympic event @ Handale
26.06.2024	Nursery Sports day
WC 01.07.2024	Sports Week - Sports Day
04.07.2024	
WC 08.07.2024	Year 6 Transition week
10.07.2024	Nursery Children moving to Reception stay for lunch
	Nursery Celebration event for N2 children
15.07.2024	Reports go home
16.07.2024	Summer Fair
WC 15.07.2024	All clubs cancelled including Community Clubs
18.07.2024	Leavers Party 5pm- 7pm
19.07.2024	Leavers Assembly 9.30am

More information will follow with the details of each event.