

Welcome

Happy New Year! Welcome back and I hope everyone has had a super Christmas. It is great to be back at school and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the new term.

Western Points – Autumn term winners



Everyone has been working hard earning Western points over the last term. Thousands of Western points have been awarded and at the end of last term, the winning house for the autumn term was awarded the house cup.

The inaugural winning house was **Lupton** with a grand total of 9,981 Western points. However, the point's totals were very close with all houses gaining over 9,000 points.

Points are awarded for a variety reasons including: hard work, good manners, helpfulness, and kindness. Points are awarded by all members of staff throughout the school day.

At the end of the school year, the house which has earned the largest number of Western points will be rewarded and receive a special treat.

Keep working to earn those points!

Information for Parents



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for all Key Stage 2 school children is £2.10 per day, payable every half term. **Please note that all school dinners must be paid for in advance.** The cost of school dinners for this half term (until 13th February) is **£60.90**. Could you please pay online at www.parentpay.com.




Free school meals and Assistance with Residential Visits

Free school meals and assistance with residential visits (such as Bewerley Park and East Barnby) are available to children whose parents receive certain benefits.

These include one or more of the following:

- income support;
- income-based Jobseekers' allowance;
- income-related employment and support allowance;
- child tax credit with an income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of working tax credit;
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- guarantee element of state pension credit.

Where parents are entitled to working tax credit during a four-week "run-on" period immediately after their employment has ceased, or after they have started to work fewer than 16 hours a week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

If you meet the above criteria, apply by using the  [application form \[56kb\]](#). Or collect a copy from the school office. Applications are usually processed the same day. If your child is entitled to free school meals you will receive a letter confirming the date when the meals will start. We will also be notified. You should continue to pay until confirmation comes through. We may be able to arrange reimbursement of payment made while your entitlement is being confirmed. If you are not entitled to free school meals, you will be notified in writing.

Free school meals claims cannot be backdated. They are awarded from the date we receive the application, once eligibility is confirmed.

If you have moved to North Yorkshire from another authority area, your entitlement to free school meals does not automatically transfer. You will need to re-apply using the above application form.

Free school meals - frequently asked questions (click for the answers)

- If my child is at nursery or sixth form, are they still entitled to free school meals?
- What will my child receive as a recipient of free school meals?
- What do I need to do if my circumstances change?

Pupil leave of absence in exceptional circumstances during term time

Can we please remind parents that an application for pupil leave of absence form should be completed at least 6 weeks before the first date of the period of the leave being requested. Education regulations state that such applications can only be authorised by school in exceptional circumstances and that each application needs to be considered individually. Term time holiday is not classed as exceptional. A copy of the form is attached to this newsletter. Paper copies are available from the school office and will also be added to our website.

Dance Fitness – Mrs Jane Gray

Eaten too much at Christmas? Feeling a bit sluggish? Why not come and join us? Dance fitness is fun and improves your fitness. We dance to a range of music: Salsa, Bollywood and Pop etc. and it is suitable for all abilities and ages from 13-70. The sessions run on Tuesdays at 4.15 -5.00 in the hall. There is no charge for the session, just wear suitable clothing and footwear.

Unfortunately, no childcare is available. We start next week (13th Jan.) See you there.

FREE

TASTER DAY

Family arts and crafts workshops for children with autism

Sunday 18th January, 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Come to a free taster day at Henshaws Arts & Crafts Centre and try out our new workshops for children with autism and their siblings. Our Sunday workshops are normally £15 for 2 hours, including all materials. Workshops are aimed at 6 – 12 year olds and include:

- POTTERY • MUSIC • DRAMA
- FITNESS • SCULPTURE

We will support your child to develop their independence skills and to try out activities which they might not be offered at school, whilst having fun and making friends. Parents are requested to stay on site during the activities where our café will be open for refreshments and a chance to meet other parents and carers.




Book your place

Places are limited so please call us on 01423 541888 or email maria.dawbarn@henshaws.org.uk to find out more and book.

Harrogate and District 
NHS Foundation Trust

You matter most


henshaws
Arts & Crafts Centre

 North
Yorkshire County Council
Children and Young People's Service


Specialist Support Autism
SSA, North Yorkshire County Council

Henshaws Arts & Crafts Centre, 50 Bond End, Knaresborough, HG5 9AL
www.henshawsacc.org.uk

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New Starters for Nursery – January 2015

If you, or anyone you know, have a Nursery-aged child who you would like to start in our Nursery in January, can you please contact the school office for a registration form as soon as possible to reserve your space.

As well as the core free 15 hours per week, we also offer additional sessions during the day, at lunchtime and before and after school. Our nursery is open from 8.00am. until 5.30pm.

Many thanks.





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Swimming

Year 2 Swimming Dates:

Thursday 15th January 2015 – Mrs Taylor’s class
Thursday 22nd January 2015 – Miss Jones’ class
Thursday 29th January 2015 – Mrs Taylor’s class
Thursday 5th February 2015 – Miss Jones’ class
Thursday 12th February 2015 – Mrs Taylor’s class
Thursday 26th February 2015 – Miss Jones’ class
Thursday 5th March 2015 – Mrs Taylor’s class
Thursday 12th March 2015 – Miss Jones’ class
Thursday 19th March 2015 – Mrs Taylor’s class
Thursday 26th March 2015 – Miss Jones’ class

Year 3/4 Swimming:

Tuesday 16th December – Tuesday 14th April – Mr Fraser Smith’s class
Tuesday 21st April – Tuesday 14th July – Mrs Collett’s and Ms Smith’s classes

Awards

House Point Winners:

Wallbank House

Key Stage 1 Awards

Ralph Ogden
Aaron Sansing
Calvin Barton
Toby Houseman
Rowan Woolard
Charlie Holman
Annabelle Gording
Will Woolard
Tilly Haslewood

Key Stage 2 Awards

Rose Moss
Daniel Baldwin
Oliver Thompson
James Turner
Freya Levine
Sophie Galvin
Tom Cape
Eva Nelson
Edward Craig
Lucy Thompson
Lucy Morris
Frank Jennings



Well done everyone!

Dates for your Diary:

School Holidays

Spring Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 13th February at 3.15pm
Return to School: Monday 23rd February at 8.55am

Easter Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 27th March at **2.30pm**
Return to School: Tuesday 14th April at 8.55am

Summer Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 22nd May at 3.15pm
Return to School: Tuesday 2nd June at 8.55am

Summer Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 17th July at **2.30pm**





Stick Insects

If you are interested in giving a home to some stick insects, please see Lucy Ogden (Reception and Year 2 mum) in the playground at drop off or pick up.

Adult Learning Courses

Please see attached flyers for Adult Learning Courses in the Harrogate and Ripon areas.

Bilton and Harrogate West Children's Centres

Please see attached Programme of Events for this term.