

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the first newsletter of this school year! There are lots of dates for you to note and more information will follow as plans unfold. Our next newsletter will be a bumper issue of our Stars of the Week, our House Captains and Sport Leaders.

Class Newsletters

Class newsletters for each class will be coming out this week on email. Homework expectations will be detailed in these newsletters and a link to our homework policy can be found further down in this letter or on our website.

Individual and Family Photographs

On Wednesday 25th September, our school photographer **Phototronics** will be visiting school to take individual and family school photographs. Children will have individual and sibling photographs taken in school throughout the morning. Between 8:30 am and 9:00 am, we would also like to welcome other siblings into school to have their photo taken as a family. These photographs make fabulous Christmas presents! **Children who would usually come in PE kit on this day (Willow and Oak Class) should come to school dressed in their school uniform.**

Oak Class Learning

Some very strange and curious things have been happening in Oak Class. Firstly, a rectangular, purple and shiny present arrived at school addressed to Oak Class but the sender information was missing! We used our predicting skills to try and guess who it was from. It was a red London bus...we had lots of questions as to why we were sent this. Then, on Wednesday we returned from lunch to find a terrible mess in our reading area. There were books thrown across the floor, pompoms everywhere, red and white tape and



our work sprawled across the carpet area. We were so confused! We turned into detectives and tried to

solve the mystery. Mrs Lindley checked the CCTV and there were flashes of red and glints of light from glass...it was Naughty Bus! We have had to write lots of letters explaining to Naughty Bus about our school rules and how we have to be ready, respectful and safe at Hensall School. If you see any strange happenings in or around school, please can you let someone in Oak Class know and we will sort it out for you with Naughty Bus.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Assembly will take place in the church on Friday 25th October at 2:00 pm. Parents, grandparents etc. are welcome to join us for this event. Mrs Hardy will also cook a very special Harvest Lunch for the children, the date and menu will follow shortly.

Parents Evening

Monday 11th November from 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm
Thursday 14th November from 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm

Open Classrooms

Friday 8th November at 9:30 am – parents will be invited into their child's classroom to view work and other learning (more details will follow nearer the time).

Hoodies

This year our Year 6 children have received their leaver's hoodies to wear throughout the whole of their final year at Hensall School. The children could choose from a range of colours and all their names have been included on the back.



Lost Property



Please, please, please can all parents put their child's name in their belongings? Coats, hats etc. too. We do not need fancy labels, initials with a black marker pen will do!

Sadly, this is just a portion of the lost property that we had to recycle at the end of the summer term, none of this could be returned to the owners as we just didn't know who to give it back to.

Please encourage your children to take care of their own belongings. Our staff are always happy to help locate lost property, however, it is very difficult when items are not named.

Book Fair

Our 'Scholastic' book fair will be in school during week commencing 11th November and will be open to view at parents evening. More details will follow with opening times and details of books on sale.



Christmas Performances

Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Performances

Tuesday 10th December – Afternoon (in school hall)
Wednesday 11th December – Morning (in school hall)

Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Performances

Tuesday 10th December – Morning (in the church)

Thursday 12th December – Evening (in the church)

Meals

Thank you for your support in returning the menus to school with your child's meal choices. If you need to make any changes to this, please let the school office know by calling or emailing admin@hensall.n-yorks.sch.uk Please remember that this is a commitment from you to take a meal on the days you have specified. Children will be offered the meal even if they bring a packed lunch and parents will be charged.

Parking and Parental Conduct

Can we please remind all parents to be considerate to all members of our local community. The zig-zag lines outside school have been extended by the council to include our entrance gates to the playground. This area gets very busy at the start and end of the school day, this is also our only access for service vehicles. The road that runs between the staff car park and the church is a private road to the church and The Red House behind the school. Please be polite to our neighbours and do not park on or over their driveway. Please drive safely at drop off and pick up times. It is very busy around the school and we need to keep everyone safe. We would also ask that manners and language used around the school gates are appropriate. Thank you for your support.



Pupil Absence Reminder

Please remember to let us know as early as possible if your child is not going to be in school for any reason. There is an answer phone which will be checked by the admin staff on arrival at school. Our policy is available on our school website using the following link: [Attendance Policy](#)



Ukulele Lessons

As part of our offer to children, Mr Hills from the North Yorkshire Music Hub has started Ukulele lessons for children in Maple Class this term. Other classes will receive these lessons through this school year. Children will be allowed to bring their ukulele home to practise with agreement from parents (more details will be sent out by the class teacher).

Music Lessons

Music lessons have started in school for those children who have registered with the North Yorkshire Music Hub. Details are below:

Brass - Thursday morning

Piano and Violin - Thursday afternoon

Guitar - Friday morning

Please ensure your child has their instrument, music book and music diary in school for every lesson.

If your child is interested in starting music lessons in school, please visit the Music Hub website for more information <https://northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk/> or speak with the school office.

We have been informed by the music service that lessons will not be given until invoices are paid. If you no longer require lessons, just let the music service know and the place can then be offered to another child on the waiting list.

Young Voices Choir

Miss Stones started rehearsals in school last Monday for the Young Voices concert in January 2025. It's not too late for your child to join, please register through ParentPay if your child would like to attend.

Christmas Cards with My School Printing

Once again, the children have had the opportunity to design their very own Christmas card in school. We expect to have the proofs and order forms shortly after half term. So, before you go out and buy your Christmas cards for your friends and family, it may be worth waiting to see your child's wonderful design. Children in all year groups have taken part in this.

Dates for the diary

(New dates added in red)

- Weds 25th September, 2024 – Individual and family School Photographs
- Monday 16th September 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm – Young Voices Choir Rehearsals start
- Friday 25th October at 2:00 pm – Harvest Festival in the church (all welcome)
- Thursday 7th November, 2024 – Bag2School collection
- Friday 8th November at 9:30 am – Open Classrooms
- Week commencing 11th November – Book Fair in school (dates to follow)
- Monday 11th November from 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm – Autumn Parents Evening
- Thursday 14th November from 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm – Autumn Parents Evening
- Tuesday 10th December Afternoon (in hall) – Rec and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Nativity Performances
- Wednesday 11th December Morning (in hall) – Rec and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Nativity Performances
- Tuesday 10th December Morning (in church) - KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Christmas Performance
- Thursday 12th December Evening (in church) - KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Christmas Performance
- Monday 27th January, 2025 – Years 4, 5 and 6 Young Voices Concert, Sheffield Arena

Useful Links:

Homework Policy: [Homework Policy - Summer 2024](#)

Term Dates 2024-2025: [Term Dates and Holiday Dates 2024-2025](#)

After School club Booking Form: [After School Club Booking Form](#)

Autumn Lunch Menu: [Autumn Lunch Menu](#)

School Calendar: [School Website Calendar](#)

Free School meals (Pupil Premium): [Free School Meals](#)