



Dear Parents

I am sure you will have seen the letter that came home on Wednesday night with the children so I won't repeat things here other than to thank you all for your support over the many years I have been Headteacher of Hawes Side. The lengthy process of appointing a new Principal will begin in earnest in the New Year and I am confident that whoever is ultimately appointed will be warmly welcomed into a fantastic community.

*Mr Shepherd*

**Christmas Fair** – Thank you to each and everyone of you who joined us tonight at our Christmas Fair. It was great to see you all there. Our school choir did a fantastic job by getting us in the festive mood with their Christmas Carols. I would also like to thank our PTFA, volunteers and members of staff who give up their valuable time, especially at this time of the year, to organise and help at events like this.

**Music Lessons (Spring Term)** – Should you wish your child to continue their music lessons in the Spring Term, please can you pay for this service using ParentPay by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

If your child does not currently take lessons, but is interested in taking music lessons next term, please can you contact the academy either by email ([admin@hawes-side.co.uk](mailto:admin@hawes-side.co.uk)) or telephone (01253 402541).

**Drums** – If your child is in Years 5 or 6 and would be interested in learning to play the electronic drums please write, or email [admin@hawes-side.co.uk](mailto:admin@hawes-side.co.uk) by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December saying your child is interested in drumming lessons. Lessons cost £3 per session, payable in advance, termly, via ParentPay.

**Attendance and Punctuality** – Attendance for the school this week is 95.5%, slightly below the national average of 96.2% and also below our figure of 96.5% for the same time last year. We have also suffered with poor punctuality this week with 130 occasions affecting 77 children! On a more positive note however, congratulations to 3H. They had no lates all week! It goes without saying that poor attendance and punctuality can have a profound effect on children's learning and progress across the curriculum.

**Attendance** – week ending 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Best Key Stage 1 class attendance	RS	97.0%
Best Key Stage 2 class attendance	5S, 6H	97.3%
Most punctual Key Stage 1 class	RA, 1H	2 late arrivals each
Most punctual Key Stage 2 class	3H	0 late arrivals
Whole school attendance for the week		95.5%
Number of pupils late at least once during the week		77

**It is expected that all schools will remain above 96.2% and, as you can see, we were below this level this week. Please make every effort to get your children into school as poor attendance is not only a barrier to progress but can leave the children with large gaps in their learning that can be very difficult to fill.**

**To continue our quest for great attendance we are running a 'Golden Ticket' initiative whereby each week pupils who have 100% attendance will receive a 'Golden Ticket'. These tickets can be posted into the golden box in the library and a prize draw will take place at the end of each half-term.**

**At Hawes Side Academy it is our aim to promote 100% attendance so that our pupils have 100% chance of success during their time with us. *If a child is absent from school they are absent from learning!***

Class	Effort Award	School Values Award (Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Reconciliation, Reflection, Everyone Matters)
1H	<b>Logan</b> – For always working hard during phonics	<b>Jake</b> – For always having a smile on his face
1S	<b>Scarlett</b> – For trying extra hard to follow our listening rules	<b>Tyler</b> – For a super effort with his number work

1A	<b>Joseph</b> – For his fantastic work on 2D shapes in maths	<b>Tyler-Tay</b> – For taking responsibility of his learning – concentrating in phonics
2H	<b>Jacob</b> – For super maths work	<b>Lily</b> – For always being ready to learn
2S	<b>Benjamin</b> – For a super effort to improve his handwriting	<b>Ollie</b> – For being respectful and always being ready to listen
2A	<b>Jack</b> – For having fantastic ideas for a story ending	<b>Grace</b> – For being a good friend to everyone
3H	<b>Amelia</b> – For fantastic effort in her multiplication and division work	<b>Courtney</b> – For super resilience in her maths
3S	<b>Charlene</b> – For fantastic effort in maths	<b>Brooke</b> – For showing respect to all her friends and teachers
3A	<b>Ryan</b> – For excellent work dividing in maths	<b>Ava</b> – For showing resilience when completing maths challenges
4H	<b>Keelan</b> – For being engaged in his learning and challenging himself in maths	<b>Ellie-Mai</b> – For being a fantastic learner in guided reading and showing resilience
4S	<b>Ellie-Grace</b> – For making excellent progress in her reading	<b>Jayden</b> – For always showing respect to others
4A	<b>Harry</b> – For trying really hard in maths this week	<b>Grace</b> – For treating everybody kindly and being a good friend
5H	<b>Marley</b> – For excellent effort with her home reading	<b>Issy</b> – For being a responsible member of class by always giving 100%
5S	<b>Alfie</b> – For trying hard in lessons	<b>Carlos</b> – For always being a polite and respectful member of the class
5A	<b>Leia</b> – For her effort in English	<b>Zofia</b> – For reflection upon her personal target
6H	<b>Jennifer</b> – For great effort with her maths work	<b>Ethan</b> – For being responsible in his learning and always trying to challenge himself
6S	<b>Laicy</b> – For fantastic effort with multiplying and dividing fractions	<b>Alea</b> – For always being respectful and responsible in and around school
6A	<b>Caitlin</b> – For a dedicated approach to reading	<b>Lucy</b> – For being an independent, responsible learner

**Hawes Side Academy Website** – Don't forget to visit our website to see all of our latest news see: [www.hawes-side.co.uk/news](http://www.hawes-side.co.uk/news)

### **Diary Dates**

*(correct at time of printing)*

**Foundation Stage Christmas Production – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.45am**

**Foundation Stage Christmas Production – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm**

**Elf Run – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 2 Christmas Production – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.00pm**

**Year 2 Christmas Production – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 5.00pm**

**Choir visits to the community – Wednesday & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 4 Carols round the Christmas Tree – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 3.00pm (further information to follow)**

**School closes for Christmas 2018 Term – Non Uniform Day (£1 donation gratefully received to go towards curriculum enhancement) – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

*(Whole school finish @ 2:00pm)*

**School re-opens – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 @ 8:50am**

**School closes for Spring Half Term Term – Non Uniform Day (£1 donation gratefully received to go towards curriculum enhancement) – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

*(Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 finish @ 3:15pm)*

*(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 @ 3:20pm)*

**School re-opens – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 @ 8:50am**

**School closes for Easter Break 2019 Term – Non Uniform Day (£1 donation gratefully received to go towards curriculum enhancement) – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

*(Whole school finish @ 2:00pm)*

**School re-opens – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 @ 8:50am**

**School closed for May Day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Year 6 SATs – week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**School closes for Summer Half Term Term – Non Uniform Day (£1 donation gratefully received to go towards curriculum enhancement) – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

*(Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 finish @ 3:15pm)*

*(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 @ 3:20pm)*

**School re-opens – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 @ 8:50am**

**School closes for Summer Holidays 2019 Term – Non Uniform Day (£1 donation gratefully received to go towards curriculum enhancement) – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

*(Whole school finish @ 2:00pm)*

**Please note change of date for school re-opening in the New Year – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**