



Hot News From Handale

Headteacher: Mrs H Blakeley

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IMPORTANT STUFF!!!



I know many of you, including me, will be feeling very anxious about the government's decision to open primary schools to some children from the 1st of June. Those year groups are Year 6, Year 1 Reception and Nursery. We will also continue to provide child - care for the children of key workers who are not in those year groups.

We know that the government is monitoring things very closely and this may not happen but we need to prepare assuming that it does.

Currently we have managed to work out how we can practically teach years 1 and 6 and are now working out how to teach the younger children. All children will be taught in small groups of 8 or 9 with social distancing being a priority, we have worked this out on the size of the classrooms, the 2m rule and the number of children. Children will have their own equipment to use in school and there will be several points during the day when door handles and other equipment are cleaned. Children will stay in these classrooms and teachers will go to the children to teach different aspects of the curriculum except for PE which will be an individual activity taught outdoors or in the hall. On entering the school building and exiting the classroom children will wash their hands and use hand sanitiser as will teachers. Social distancing will be observed at all times and there will be staggered break times, lunch times and home times. We read daily the government advice and look at ways we can implement their guidelines.

I will keep you updated as the days progress but please be assured we are doing everything within our power to ensure that if we return your children and the staff stay safe. Just to close I need to remind you that it is your decision whether your child returns to school or not and we will be contacting you very soon to ask for a decision from you. The government has currently stated that parents will not be fined if they choose to keep their children off. If you need to contact me about any of these things or just need a chat please telephone me at school or e-mail

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Thank you
Mrs Blakeley

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Class 1: Eirinn Fleming for sending me some fantastic writing and drawings. Well done for working hard at home Eirinn.

Class 2: Millie Bulmer for sending me some excellent videos of her reading and completing reading activities.

Class 3: Elyssa Mirow for keeping me updated each week with all of her hard work. She is trying really hard with her English and Maths.

Year 3: Jake Hodgson for using TTRS at home to practice his tables. It was also lovely to see pictures of all of the other lovely things he has been getting up to at home.

Class 6: Findlay Schwec for creating some lovely pieces of writing and getting creative with the challenge I set this week. He sent me a brilliant picture of him building his bird house. It was great to see.

Class 7: Sian Appleton for being a caring, helpful young lady who is always happy and cheery and a good friend to others.

Class 8: Owen Purver for creating and sharing a fantastic model of Neil Armstrong's space rocket.

Class 9: Lewis Suscens for pushing himself just that little bit further with his maths work. Well done Lewis and keep working hard.

Fond Farewells – But not quite yet!



We are very sad for ourselves, but very pleased for Mrs Skirving that she has taken the exciting decision to retire over the summer. Mrs Skirving has taught at Handale since September 2011 in our Reception class. She also led our Early Years until recently and has worked for the Local authority on moderation of the Early Years and other training courses. We know you will want to join us in wishing Mrs Skirving a long and happy retirement. She has certainly deserved it!

Happy Retirement!



And some Happy Hellos!

Hello, I am Miss Stone and I am really looking forward to working in Reception. I am always smiling so I cannot wait to see all your smiling faces too. I enjoy cooking, creating things and having lots of fun. I am very excited to be working at Handale and the thing I am most excited about is to see all the lovely children every day. I look forward to seeing you all soon.



Hello Everyone

My name is Miss Kentfield and I am looking forward to being a teacher at Handale in the new school year. In my free time, I enjoy walking with my dog, Buddy and I love finding a quiet, cosy spot to read a good book. I can't wait to meet all of the chil-

dren because I have heard so many wonderful things about them!



Hi, I am Miss Thompson.

I love reading, maths and P.E. I have been spending lots of time walking and reading. My favourite book at the moment is the boy at the back of the class by Onjali Q. Raúf!

I am looking forward to meeting you all at Handale Primary School. I have heard amazing things about you all.

Stay safe,
See you all soon.