

**MR SINGH'S WEEKLY MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another fantastic week here at Heckmondwike Academy, with so much to celebrate! One of the highlights was our incredible visit from our Patron of Reading, Conrad Burdekin. The children absolutely loved his workshops, where they got to dive into the world of storytelling, explore creative writing, and develop their passion for reading. It was a truly inspiring experience, and we are so grateful to Conrad for sharing his time and expertise with us.

As we approach the Easter half term, we want to thank you all for your continued support and involvement in school life. It has been a brilliant week, full of learning, growth, and excitement.

We hope that all our families enjoy a well-deserved, restful break. Please remember that school will reopen on Tuesday, 22nd April.

Wishing you all a peaceful and enjoyable Easter half term!

Mr Singh

**PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR KEY MESSAGES**

**THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK MISS FOSTINIS and WELCOME MRS COOPER**

We would like to take a moment to express our sincere thanks to Miss Fostinis for her exceptional work and dedication during her time at Heckmondwike Academy. She has been a valued member of our team, and her passion, commitment, and positive influence on our students have made a lasting impact.

While we are sad to see her go, we are excited for the new opportunities ahead of her. We wish Miss Fostinis the very best of luck in her new job, and we have no doubt that she will continue to inspire and make a difference wherever she goes.

Thank you once again, Miss Fostinis, for all you have done. You will be greatly missed by both staff and students alike.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome Mrs Cooper to our team. Mrs Cooper brings with her a wealth of skills, experience, and knowledge, and we are confident she will be a fantastic addition to our academy community. We look forward to seeing the positive impact she will have on our students.

**THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES MR ROLLIN**

It is with a mixture of pride and sadness that I write to inform you that Mr. Rollin, our dedicated Vice Principal, will be leaving Heckmondwike Academy at the end of this week as he takes up his first headship post at one of Delta Academies Trust's schools.

While we are all deeply saddened to see him go, we are also incredibly proud of him and excited about the new opportunities that lie ahead in his career.

Mr. Rollin has been a key member of our leadership team here at Heckmondwike Academy, and his contributions have been nothing short of exceptional. He has worked tirelessly to support both staff and children, driving forward numerous initiatives that have made a real difference in our school community. His leadership has played a significant role in ensuring that our children receive the best possible education and support, and his work in enhancing our pastoral care has been invaluable.

Although we will miss Mr. Rollin's leadership and presence here at Heckmondwike Academy, we are pleased to know that he will continue to help shape the futures of many more children across the Delta Academies Trust. We are excited for him as he takes on this next challenge and wish him all the best as he embarks on this exciting new chapter. We have no doubt that the skills, passion, and dedication he has shown here will serve him well in his new role, where he will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of children across the trust.

We will be announcing Mr. Rollin's successor shortly, and in the meantime, we want to take this opportunity to celebrate his time with us. Please join me in wishing Mr. Rollin all the very best as he takes on this new role. We are immensely grateful for his contributions to Heckmondwike Academy and wish him continued success in all his future endeavours.

**AUTHOR VISIT CONRAD BURDEKIN**

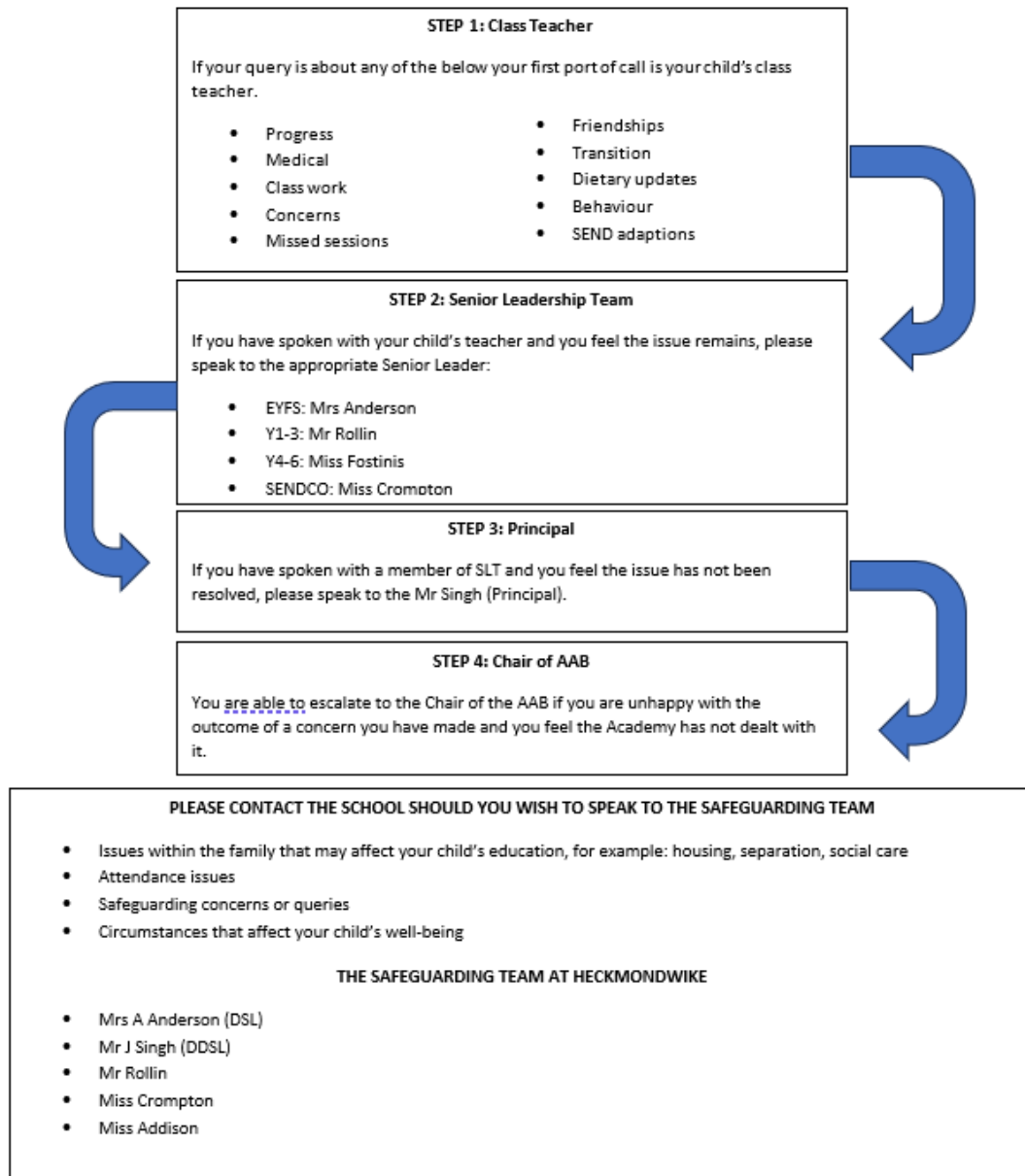


The Children absolutely loved Conrad's reading workshop! His passion for storytelling inspired and excited them, making reading come alive in a truly magical way. They were captivated by his stories and left feeling eager to read more. If any children would like to purchase Conrad's books, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## COMMUNICATION POLICY

### Parent-School Communication

Should you have any queries or would like to speak to a member of staff regarding anything – please follow the guidance below – this will ensure your queries are dealt with in a timely and effective manner.



**PLEASE KINDLY NOTE THE OFFICE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH:**

- Reporting absence (this should be done at the earliest point possible)
- Change of personal details (such as address, phone numbers, passwords)
- Queries regarding online payment systems
- Reprint of any hard copies of correspondence
- Special leave form

**ATTENDANCE**

RA: 49.83%	RW: 55.43%
1A: 51.54%	4D: 58.40%
1Q: 56.55%	<b>4R: 63.46%</b>
2D: 54.29%	5G: 51.33%
<b>2LC: 64.83%</b>	5L: 57.33%
3A: 59.33%	6F: 58.67%
3B: 61.94%	6S: 57.00%

**KEY DATES**

**04.04.25: End of Spring term**  
**21.04.25: Bank Holiday Easter Monday (School closed)**  
**22.04.25: School re-opens for Summer 1**  
**12.05.25 – 16.05.25 – Year 6 SATS**  
**21.05.25 – Year 6 Bike ability**  
**22.05.25 – Year 6 Bike ability**  
**23.05.25 – Year 6 Bike ability**  
**23.05.25- End of Summer 1**  
**02.06.25 – School re-opens for Summer 2**  
**09.06.25-13.06.25- Phonics screening check**  
**30.06.25 – EYFS Sports Day - Reception (09:15- 10:15), Nursery AM (10:30-11:15 and Nursery PM (1:30 – 2:15)**  
**01.07.25 –Sports Day - Year 1 (9-10:00), 2 (10:30 – 11:30) & Year 3 (1:45-2:45)**  
**02.07.25 – Sports Day – Year 6 (09:00-10:00), Year 5 (10:30 – 11:30) & Year 4 (1:45-2:45)**  
**09.07.25 – Parents Evening**  
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**17.07.25 – Year 6 Leavers performance**  
**18.07.25 – Summer Fayre**  
**18.07.25 – Last school day of academic year**  
**21.07.25 – Inset day (school closed)**  
**22.07.25 – Inset day (school closed)**  
**22.07.25 – last day of academic year (school closed)**

**New academic year**

**01.09.25 – Inset day (school closed)**  
**02.09.25 – Inset day (school closed)**  
**03.09.25 – School re-open**