

MR SINGH'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the festive season, it fills me with immense pride and joy to reflect on what has been a truly magical week at our school. The highlight, of course, has been the stunning Christmas Carol Concerts performed by our incredibly talented children. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you—our wonderful parents, carers, and families—for attending these concerts and showing your support.

This week has been a particularly positive one across the school. Beyond the carol concerts, it has been heartwarming to see our children so engaged and eager to participate in their learning and school activities.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled about the upcoming Christmas Fayre next week! This much-anticipated event promises to be a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together once again to celebrate. There will be plenty of festive fun, from creative stalls and raffles to delicious treats and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Please see below for key messages:

PARKING

Please can I encourage parents not to park or drop off outside the school gates or across the front of school. If you are unsure as to where I am referring to – the area is marked with yellow road signs (zigzags) It is our utmost duty to keep all our children safe and from what I have seen this week – parking in this area leads to congestion and vehicles manoeuvring onto pavements where our children are walking.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – 18.12.2024 (15:30-17:00)

This is a fantastic opportunity to support the school, shop for festive goodies, and enjoy time with family and friends. From stalls and games to delicious treats, there's something for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

FESTIVE NON-UNIFORM DAY – 18.12.2024 (WEDNESDAY)

Please note that we have a festive non uniform day next Wednesday. Children are encouraged to wear Christmas themed clothing or something green/red. We are asking for a £1 donation – given to class teacher – money raised will go towards buying food to provide to our local food banks.

STAFFING UPDATE

It is with a heavy heart that I announce we have a few staff members leaving us at the end of next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to share my gratitude for their service to Heckmondwike Academy.

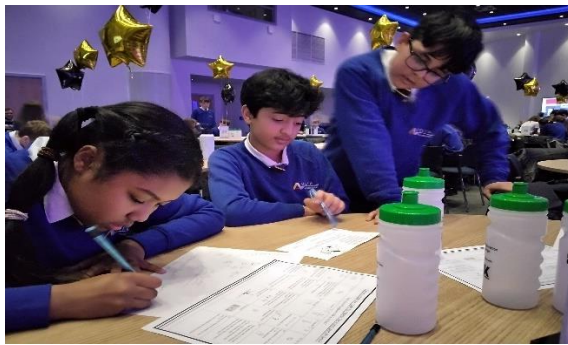
We say goodbye to Mrs Aslam, who has secured a new job, and we wish her the best in her future endeavours.

Miss Jones (assistant caretaker) also leaves us at the end of next week – however you still may see her working in the academy in a different role. I would like to thank Miss Jones for her many years of service.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Laher and Mrs Ilyas. We wish both the best in their future roles. We will be welcoming Mrs Addison to the academy after Christmas – we are excited about her starting with us.

Y6 DELTA MATHS EVENT

This week, three of our top mathematicians within year 6 got to take part in a very special event at Delta head office. The day consisted of three maths tasks competing against the top mathematicians from across Delta Primary Academies. Our children from Heckmondwike did us proud in each task and showed their love for maths throughout the day. We even got to end the day on a high note as Aabrita received a silver award for placing in the top 10% of pupils at the primary math challenge! Well done to all!



KEY DATES

18.12.2024: Christmas Fayre 15:30-17:00

19.12.2024: Last day of Autumn term

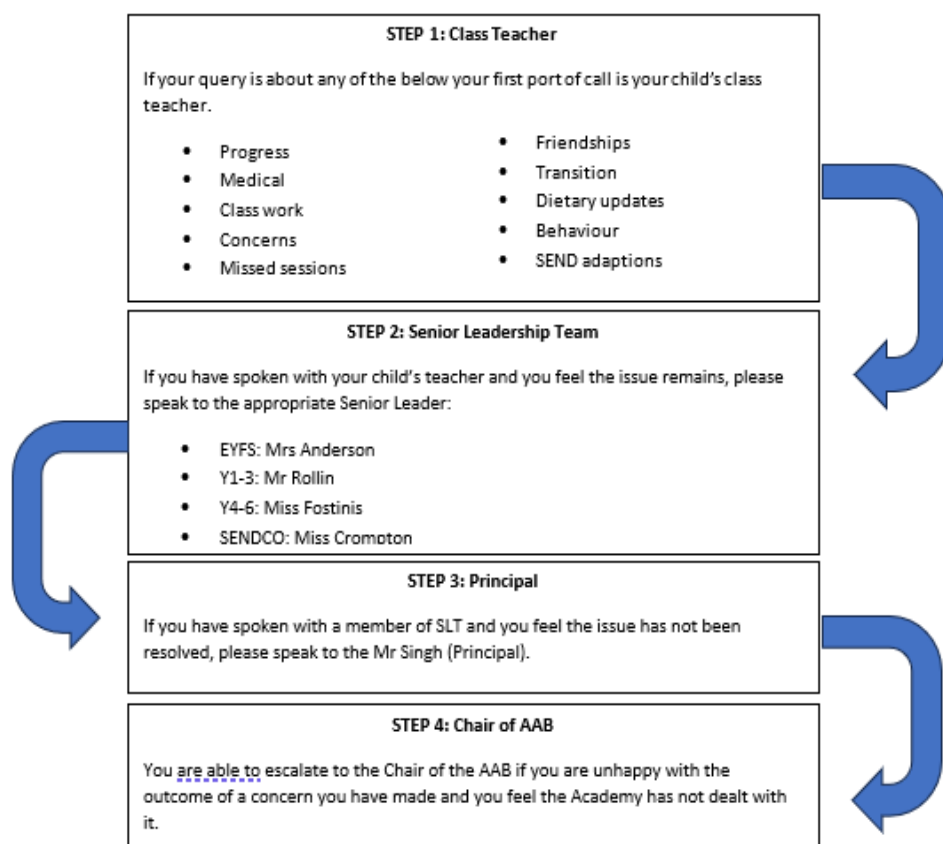
20.12.2024: School closed (INSET day)

06.01.2025 School re-opens Spring 1

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 CONTACT THE SCHOOL SHOULD YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

- Issues within the family that may affect your child's education, for example: housing, separation, social care
- Attendance issues
- Safeguarding concerns or queries
- Circumstances that affect your child's well-being

THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM AT HECKMONDWIKE

- Mrs A Anderson (DSL)
- Mr J Singh (DDSL)
- Mr Rollin
- Miss Crompton
- Mrs Aslam
- Miss Fostinis

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

RW: 96.43%	RA: 89.64%
1A: 94.29%	4R: 83.85%
1Q: 95.86%	4D: 95.38%
2D: 92.09%	5G: 91.67%
2LC: 95.56%	5L: 94.00%
3B: 97.32%	6F: 96.67%
3A: 91.83%	6S: 91.00%