



## Newsletter 9 - Friday 5th January 2024

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Happy New Year to all!

I am pleased to share that we have enjoyed a great start to 2024. Just before Christmas the league tables of KS2 results 2023 was published by the Department for Education (DfE). We were thrilled to discover that New Haw is placed in the top 10 (number 8) of Surrey schools for the % of pupils achieving expected progress in their KS2 tests. This is a fabulous result and a great testament to the very hard work of staff and pupils alike. It is worth noting that these are the first published tables since 2019, which makes the success of our school even greater because it indicates that standards have been successfully maintained through a period of great national crisis. Well done all!

In relation to ensuring all our pupils do well and maintain these excellent outcomes

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

At this time of year, as we move from grey January into spring we begin to consider booking a holiday holiday.

With this in mind, I think it would be helpful to consider how very important it is that children are in school every day. Generally, in life an outcome of 95% (for example for a test) would be considered a very good result. However, as you can see from the chart below in relation to attendance 95% is not very good. It means that the child has not been in school for 9.5 days and has, therefore, missed a considerable amount of teaching.

For all pupils in school, this is particularly important because during the Covid years they missed a considerable amount of learning time. It is crucial that they do not miss any more.

Attendance	Lost Learning	Outcome
100%	None	Excellent - every chance of outstanding success!
98%	4 days	Good chance of success
95%	9.5 days	Worrying chance of falling behind
90%	19 days	At this stage the pupil will have become a Persistent Absentee and will be identified by the Local Authority Inclusion Office. Parents of the child will be contacted by the school.

**Please do not book any holidays which remove children from school during term time.**

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### Join our Governing Body

Would you like to know about how school operates? Would you like to be involved in making decisions which are important for the continued success of our school and the wellbeing of pupils and staff?

Our governing body plays a significant role in ensuring the best possible education for your children. Governor's help us, for example, to ensure that the resources of the school are used wisely to improve both the children's learning and their enjoyment of school and all that it offers. Additionally, they act as a "critical friend" sharing their advice and experience.

We are looking for more governors to expand our friendly and supportive team. Meetings are time bonded and held every half term, first thing in the morning. If this is a role which interests you, or you would like to learn more, please email [office@new-haw.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@new-haw.surrey.sch.uk). We would be delighted to hear from you!

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### Snow policy

Please see our snow policy on our website in the event of adverse weather:

<https://www.new-haw.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Policies+%26amp%3B+Documents&pid=63>

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### SLS Hampshire Library Books - audit

As many of you may know, we subscribe to the Hampshire Library Service to help keep our books on offer in school as current and up to date as possible. All of these books are marked with an SLS sticker on the spine.

During the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, all SLS library books will need to be returned to School ready for the annual audit to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Following this date, children will be able to borrow these books again. We will also be notifying the children. Thank you for your support on this matter.

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Nut allergy - please be reminded that we have a number of children in school with significant allergies and as such we insist all products brought into school are nut-free. This includes Nutella and peanut butter. Thank you.

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Tuesday 9th January	Y3 Geography trip to Woking Park
Thursday 11th January	Y4 swimming lessons
	5S Class assembly

Wednesday 17th January	Young Voices Concert at the O2 London
	Y6 Young Shakespeare
Thursday 18th January	3Q Class assembly
Thursday 25th January	Y4 swimming lessons
	6G Class assembly
Tuesday 30th January	Jim Bernadin workshop
Wednesday 31st January	Jim Bernadin workshop
Thursday 1st February	Y4 swimming lessons
	3G Class assembly
Tuesday 6th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 8th February	Parents Evening
Friday 9th February	INSET day - school closed
w/c Mon 12th February	Half term
Monday 19th February	School resumes
Friday 23rd February	4A Class assembly
Friday 15th March	4R Class assembly